

S. J. McKee Archives



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 charters 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 Cooperative 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

http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections1406

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., facsims.; 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 helf in our competitive economy – 1958. Cooperatives, progress in the space age – 1960. Agricultual 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

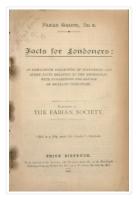
Item Number: Archives 11-999-9-262
Item Number Range: Archives 11-999-9-262

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

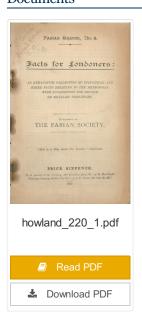
Physical Description: 2 issues; 21 cm

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

Documents





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 11-999-26-682Item Number Range:Archives 11-999-26-682Responsibility: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

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Creator: Roy, Ewell Paul

Description Level: Item

Item Number:Archives 14-4-6Item Number Range:Archives 14-4-6Responsibility:by Ewell Paul Roy

Start Date: c1970 Date Range: c1970

Publication: Danville, III. : 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.I.]: 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