

S. J. McKee Archives



Keystone Centre development and construction fonds

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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 one-third 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

Storage Location: 1998 accessions

Storage Range: 1998 accessions

MPE B 8 Speeches & Addresses



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9299>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE B.8

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1930-1979

Physical Description: 33 cm

History /

Biographical:

Speeches and addresses given by executives of the Manitoba Wheat Pool and MPE as well as agricultural experts and supporters of the co-operative movement helped to spread and solidify support for the Pools. They also served to educate rural members on a variety of topics. See fonds level description of RG 4 for complete history/bio of MPE.

Scope and Content:

Sub-series MPE B.8 consists of speeches made by various important members and executives of Manitoba Pool Elevators. Records include the following:

- 1a. Addresses 1930 -1946
- 1b. Addresses 1946 -1954
2. Addresses 1954 -1960
3. Addresses 1969 -1975
- 4a. Addresses 1972 -1979
- 4b. Addresses 1972 -1979
- 5a. F.W. Hamilton Speeches 1967 -1973
- 5b. F.W. Hamilton Speeches 1962 -1966
- 5c. F.W. Hamilton Speeches 1960 -1962
- 5d. F.W. Hamilton Speeches 1949 -1960
- 6a. W.J. Parker Speeches 1945
- 6b. W.J. Parker Speeches 1940 -1944
- 7a. W.J. Parker Speeches 1948 -1950
- 7b. W.J. Parker Speeches 1946 -1948
- 8a. W.J. Parker Speeches 1954 -1958
- 8b. W.J. Parker Speeches 1951 -1954
- 9a. W.J. Parker Speeches 1968 -1970
- 9b. W.J. Parker Speeches 1960 -1967
10. F.W. Ransom Addresses 1942 - 1948
11. Miscellaneous Addresses 1948 - 1955; no dates
12. Miscellaneous Addresses 1960; no dates
13. E.S. Russenholt Addresses
14. V. Martens " The Implications of Including Protein in Segregating Canadian Wheat"

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2009-10)

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| Name Access: | F.W. Hamilton W.J. Parker F.W. Ransom D.W. Richmond Manitoba Pool Elevators Central Office F.F. Hamilton Vincent Poloway Graham Spry J.K. Friesen E. S. Russenholt V. Martens |
| Subject Access: | Co-operative movement Speeches Addresses Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada |
| Storage Location: | RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds Series B: Central Office records |