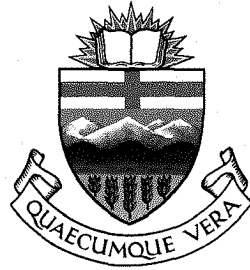


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A Guide to the
Chancellor's Papers
1890's, 1900-10

Alexander Cameron Rutherford
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INTRODUCTION

Alexander Cameron Rutherford was born in Osgoode, Carleton County, Ontario, on February 2, 1857. His parents emigrated to Canada from Aberfeldy, Scotland in 1855. Educated in Ontario's public schools, and Woodstock College, he taught school for a year and then attended McGill University in Montreal where he graduated with a B.A. and B.C.L. in 1881. He articulated with Sir Richard Scott in Ottawa, was admitted to the Bar of Ontario in 1885 and immediately went into the partnership of Hodgins, Kidd and Rutherford with offices in Ottawa and Kempville.

In 1888 he married M. Birkett and two children, Cecil, and Hazel, were born to them. He came west to Strathcona, N.W.T., and was elected to the North West Territories Assembly 1902-05. During this period he was Deputy Speaker. In 1905, he was called to lead the first government of Alberta. Dr. Rutherford also held the portfolios of Provincial Treasurer and Minister of Education. He introduced, in 1906, a bill which founded the University of Alberta. In recognition of his efforts to establish higher education in the new prairie province, the University of Toronto awarded him an LL.D. in 1907.

Although Dr. Rutherford resigned as Premier in 1910, he continued to take an interest in the University. He was elected its Chancellor in 1927 and continued in that position until his death on June 12, 1941.

In 1950, through the generosity of his children, the University acquired Dr. Rutherford's Canadiana Library and his surviving private papers. The papers are, with a few exceptions, incoming correspondence and deal with the years he was Premier of Alberta.

At the request of the family Dr. Rutherford's papers are open for research.

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Box 1

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Family and Business Matters

- 1. Biographical.
Correspondence, press clippings.
May 2, 1907-40. 9 pp.
Contains a biography prepared for the Encyclopedia of Canadian Biography.
- 2. Family Matters.
Correspondence.
November 22, 1884 - June 18, 1929. 52 pp.
- 3. Business Matters.
Correspondence, land transfers.
May 11, 1896 - February 12, 1910. 46 pp.
Most of this file contains information on a dispute in a hockey match between the Strathcona Club and the Edmonton Club.

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North-West Territories, Strathcona, Edmonton.

- 1. North-West Territories Government.
Correspondence, estimates.
March 27, 1902-05. 17 pp.
Contains correspondence from Clifford Sifton, Wilfred Laurier, the federal government's attitude toward new provinces, and the 1905 Estimates for the Territories.
- 2. Strathcona Electoral District, N.W.T.
Correspondence.
October 16, 1900 - May 8, 1905. 33 pp.
Contains correspondence about District needs, especially bridges.
- 3. Town of Strathcona.
Correspondence, memoranda.
April 13, 1899 - December 31, 1905. 20 pp.
Contains information when Mr. Rutherford was Secretary-Treasurer for the Town; a copy of the Town's agreement with A.W. Dingman and T.A. Stephan for a natural gas supply.
- 4. Strathcona Electoral District, Alberta.
Correspondence.
June 4, 1909 - October 26, 1910. 13 pp.
Roads, railways and bridges are the topics in this file.
- 5. Schools.
Reports, agreement.
April 12, 1898 - January 2, 1900. 14 pp.
Contains 1898 reports on South Edmonton Public School by J.A. Calder and a copy of an agreement between Strathcona S.D. No.216 and D.S. MacKenzie.

- 6. Edmonton Leaflets.
1931. 11 pp.
"The Glorious First of July, 1893" is described by
Mr. G.W. Clark.

Box 2

2/3/3 Government of Alberta

2/3/3/1 The Founding of the Province

- 1. The Alberta Act.
Bill, statute.
1905. 58 pp.
Contains a copy of Bill No. 69 proposed to establish
the Province of Alberta, and three copies of the Statute,
The Alberta Act.
- 2. Alberta Inaugural Celebration Committee.
Correspondence, memo.
July 21, 1905 - August 19, 1905. 6 pp.
Contains information on plans for the inaugural
celebration and a memo of [1908] describing the event.
- 3. Legislative Building.
Correspondence, telegrams.
July 11, 1906 - September 30, 1909. 19 pp.
Contains correspondence pertinent to purchase of the
site and telegrams of invitation for the laying of the
cornerstone.

2/3/3/2 General Business

- 1. Statistics.
Memoranda.
1906 - January 4, 1910. 26 pp.
Contains 1906 Estimates, an estimate of the rural and
urban population based on the 1906 census, and a 1910
list of villages, towns, and cities established since
1905.
- 2. Financial Position.
Memoranda, notes.
1908-13. 42 pp.
Contains Mr. Rutherford's notes on the Province's
financial situation related to other provinces.

2/3/3/3 Departments & Offices

- 1. Agent General, London.
Correspondence.
July 3, 1909, September 8, 1909. 3 pp.

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- 2a. Agricultural, Department of.
Correspondence.
October 11, 1906 - December 9, 1909. 62 pp.
Contains an article "Agriculture" which outlines the work of the Department up to 1908.
 - 2b. Pork Commission.
Correspondence, proceedings.
1909. 27 pp.
 - 3. Archives and Library.
Correspondence, report.
December 30, 1909 - January 21, 1910. 12 pp.
Contains report of the Bureau of Archives by Katherine Hughes.
 - 4. Attorney General, Department of.
Correspondence.
August 3, 1907 - July 29, 1909. 9 pp.
 - 5a. Education, Department of.
Correspondence.
March 24, 1906 - November 19, 1913. 70 pp.
 - 5b. Normal School.
Correspondence.
July 15, 1905 - February 5, 1910. 10 pp.
 - 6. Executive Council.
Correspondence, minute.
October 25, 1906 - November 5, 1909. 42 pp.
Contains routine correspondence of M.J. MacLeod, Clerk, and a copy of the June 12, 1909, meeting of the Executive Council.

Box 3

Premier, Office of the.

- 7a. General Telegrams.
August 22, 1905 - December 31, 1910. 86 pp.
- 7b. General Correspondence.
June 14, 1905 - May 27, 1910. 41 pp.
- 7c. Petitions, Requests.
Correspondence.
November 6, 1907 - January 17, 1910. 35 pp.
- 7d. Personal.
Correspondence.
April 15, 1907 - April 12, 1910. 18 pp.
- 7e. Applications for Employment.
Correspondence.
July 21, 1905 - April 4, 1910. 52 pp.

- 7f. Invitations.
Correspondence, telegrams.
November 16, 1906 - June 13, 1912. 32 pp.
- 8. Provincial Auditor.
Correspondence.
December 16, 1907 - May 3, 1909. 12 pp.
- 9a. Public Works, Department of.
Correspondence.
October 7, 1905 - April 15, 1910. 65 pp.
Telephones, roads, mining, provincial buildings and
Edmonton's high level bridge are the chief topics in
this file.
- 9b. Grain Elevators.
Correspondence.
March 13, 1908 - December 28, 1909. 26 pp.
This file indicates the need and concern of Western
Canada for grain elevators. Contains correspondence
from the Alberta Farmers' Association and Interprovin-
cial Council of Grain Growers' and Farmers' Associations.

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General Business with the Public

- 1. Financial Institutions.
Correspondence.
April 27, 1907 - May 17, 1910. 12 pp.
Various banks were anxious to handle government accounts.
- 2. Irrigation.
Correspondence.
November 8, 1907 - December 16, 1909. 7 pp.
Contains a resolution and letters from the Western
Irrigation Association.
- 3. Municipal Affairs.
Correspondence.
June 1, 1905 - April 3, 1910. 68 pp.
Contains letters from various parts of Alberta which
indicate the existing conditions. One 1909 letter from
Belevedere pathetically describes the lack of medical
care.
- 4. Labor.
Correspondence.
November 2, 1906 - February 4, 1909. 7 pp.
- 5. Salvation Army.
Correspondence.
December 5, 1906 - December 7, 1909. 11 pp.
The Army assisted new immigrants.
- 6. Temperance and Moral Reform.
Correspondence.
November 16, 1905 - November 20, 1909. 8 pp.

- 7. United Farmers of Alberta.
Correspondence.
November 13, 1909 - February 4, 1910. 41 pp.
Contains resolutions from the association.

Box 4

2/3/4 Railways

2/3/4/1 General Business

- 1. Railways Committee.
Report.
April 28, 1906. 4 pp.
- 2. Railway Board of Alberta.
Correspondence, drafts.
1910. 8 pp.
- 3. Engineer of Railways.
Correspondence.
February 2, 1909 - May 20, 1909. 5 pp.
Re: Cecil Goddard's application for the position.
- 4. Railway Fire Precautions.
Regulations.
December 1909. 5 pp.
- 5. Railways.
Memoranda, speech notes.
n.d. 78 pp.
- 6. Railways.
"Press Comments Respecting Alberta's need of Railways".
April 30, 1908 - December 5, 1908. 42 pp.
An index is included.

2/3/4/2 Companies

- 1. Canadian Northern Railway.
Correspondence.
December 4, 1907 - November 22, 1909. 22 pp.
- 2. Canadian Pacific Railway.
Correspondence.
March 25, 1908 - October 21, 1909. 28 pp.
- 3. Canadian Western Railway.
Correspondence.
February 19, 1909; March 18, 1909. 2 pp.
- 4. Crow's Nest Line.
Schedule specifications.
n.d. 9 pp.

- 5. Grand Trunk Pacific.
Correspondence.
January 2, 1909 - November 10, 1909. 16 pp.

Box 5

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Alberta & Great Waterways Railway

- 1. Athabasca Railway Company.
Correspondence.
[February 21], 1907 - October 18, 1907. 19 pp.
- 2. Alberta and Great Waterways.
Correspondence, orders, agreements.
May 1, 1909 - May 6, 1910. 48 pp.
- 3. Alberta and Great Waterways Railway.
Memos, notes, proceedings.
n.d. 122 pp.
Contains the debates of the 1910 Legislative Assembly.
- 4. Alberta and Great Waterways Railway Royal Commission.
Proceedings.
n.d. 70 pp.
Contains an incomplete typewritten copy of the hearings
of the Commission.

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Intergovernmental Business

- 1. Canadian Exposition and Selkirk Centennial.
Correspondence.
April 30, 1909 - October 19, 1909. 10 pp.
- 2. Conservation Commission on Natural Resources.
Correspondence.
May 31, 1909 - January 17, 1910. 12 pp.
- 3. Dominion Lands Act.
Bill No. 21.
1906-07. 52 pp.
- 4. Ontario, Province of.
Correspondence.
February 1, 1908. 2 pp.
Re: Succession Duty.
- 5. Quebec Battlefields Fund.
Correspondence.
March 25, 1908 - July 16, 1908. 8 pp.
- 6. Saskatchewan, Province of.
Correspondence.
November 10, 1905 - October 27, 1910. 22 pp.
Contains routine telegrams from J.A. Calder and W. Scott.

Box 6

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University of Alberta

- 1. Agriculture College.
Correspondence, reports.
November 24, 1909 - February 4, 1910. 66 pp.
Contains survey reports of other agricultural colleges and copy of President Tory's "Relation of the Agricultural College to the University". The establishment of an agricultural faculty at the University of Alberta was debated for several years.
- 2. Calendar, financial statement.
1908-09. 31 pp.
Contains a typewritten copy of the University's first calendar, a statement of receipts and expenditures, and Cecil Race's audited report is also in this file.
- 3. Land acquisition.
Correspondence.
January 19, 1907 - May 4, 1907. 20 pp.
Contains letters on the purchase of River Lot 5 by the government from the Simpson estate for \$150,000. Premier Rutherford endeavoured to obtain a federal land grant and Prime Minister Laurier's reply is enclosed.
- 4. Library, University.
Correspondence.
June 23, 1909 - March 1, 1910. 8 pp.
These letters of request for books indicate the personal interest Mr. Rutherford took in developing a University Library.
- 5. Senate and Convocation.
Correspondence, agenda.
February 24, 1908 - June, 1936. 30 pp.
Contains a copy of Cardinal Villeneuve's Convocation Address, June 8, 1936.
- 6. Applications for University employment.
Correspondence.
April 3, 1907 - November 4, 1907. 11 pp.
Contains a letter from A.O. MacRae, Principal of Western Canada College, Calgary.
- 7. Students' Athletic Association.
Constitution, by-laws.
n.d. 14 pp.
- 8. Tory, H.M.
Correspondence.
June 15, 1905 - January 27, 1910. 34 pp.
Contains Dr. Tory's letter of application for President and his ideas on the development of the University.

Box 7

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Personal

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General

- 1. Liberal Convention, 1905.
Correspondence.
July 15, 1905 - October 21, 1905. 12 pp.
Contains miscellaneous information on the Convention.
- 2. Election Results.
November 9, 1905. 3 pp.
The returns of each electoral district are listed, except for Peace River.
- 3. Election, Congratulations.
Correspondence.
November, 1905. 25 pp.
- 4. Political Situation.
Correspondence.
March 16, 1905 - March 18, 1913. 92 pp.
The bulk of the letters fall in the 1910 period; most are letters of support and advice.
- 5. Members of the Provincial Parliament.
Correspondence.
June 12, 1905 - August 3, 1910. 12 pp.
Letters from L. Boudreau, F.A. Walker, J. Holden, D. McNabb, L. Brick, J. Cornwall, A. Bramley Moore, R. Telford.
- 6. National Service.
Ledger Correspondence.
1916-17. 36 pp.
- 7. Political Speeches.
Notes, memos.
1905-11. 29 pp.
- 8. Political Speeches.
Notes.
1908. 141 pp.
- 9. Historical Notes.
1923-33. 37 pp.
This file consists of:
"Strathcona", n.d. 2 copies slight difference.
"The 50th Anniversary of the organization of the Edmonton School District No.7 of the North West Territories." n.d.
"Minutes of the First Annual Meeting of B.C. Historical Association", October 12, 1923.
A letter from H.S. Patterson of Calgary enclosing a memo on "Old Bow Fort". May 29, 1933.
"Conservative Party Convention", 1927.

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Individuals

- 1. Bennett, R.B.
Memoranda.
1905-10. 59 pp.
Contains two of R.B. Bennett's speeches, September 19, 1905 and October 9, 1905, a copy of Mr. Rutherford's "A Suggested Reply to R.B. Bennett's insults", and a February 25, 1910 telegram from White at Innisfail to Rutherford, Edmonton: "Passed Bennett at Red Deer going north in special".
- 2. Boyle, J.R.
Correspondence.
September 17, 1906 - January 8, 1910. 13 pp.
- 3. Bredin, W.F.
Correspondence.
July 1, 1905; January 18, 1909. 3 pp.
- 4. Buchanan, W.A.
Correspondence.
April 12, 1909 - March 14, 1910. 7 pp.
Contains his letter of resignation from the Rutherford cabinet.
- 5. Bulyea, G.H.
Correspondence.
April 7, 1903 - August, 1909. 7 pp.
- 6. Cowell, J.R.
Correspondence.
May 13, 1905 - July 27, 1905. 6 pp.
- 7. Cross, C.W.
Correspondence.
July 13, 1905 - August 23, 1910. 27 pp.
- 8. Cushing, W.H.
Correspondence.
November 10, 1905 - February 16, 1910. 31 pp.
- 9. DeVeber, L.G.
Correspondence.
March 16, 1905 - November 10, 1910. 11 pp.
Two 1905 letters discuss party lines and the leadership question in Alberta.
- 10. Dubuc, Lucien.
Correspondence.
1905-06. 5 pp.

- 11. Finlay, W.T.
Correspondence.
March 15, 1905 - May 6, 1910. 11 pp.
- 12. Fisher, C.W.
Correspondence.
September 26, 1905 - July 23, 1909. 5 pp.
- 13. Haultain, F.W.G.
Correspondence.
April 26, 1902 - July 28, 1905. 8 pp.
Contains a 1902 letter and 1902 election address which discuss one or two provinces question.
- 14. Laurier, Wilfred.
Correspondence.
May 28, 1903 - August 9, 1909. 11 pp.
- 15. Lessard, P.E.
October 26, 1909. 1 pg.
A letter from Father Therieu, thanking Mr. Rutherford on behalf of Bishop Legal for the appointment of Mr. Lessard to the cabinet.
- 16. MacKenzie, D.S.
Correspondence.
September 5, 1905 - January 26, 1910. 9 pp.
- 17. MacPherson, J.A.
Correspondence.
March 25, 1908; April 11, 1910. 4 pp.
- 18. McKenney, H.W.
Petition.
n.d. 10 pp.
St. Albert electors asked that Mr. McKenney be given a Cabinet portfolio.
- 19. Michner, E.
Correspondence.
March 11, 1909; October 19, 1909. 2 pp.
- 20. Moore, John T.
Correspondence.
July 21, 1905 - March 18, 1909. 18 pp.
- 21. Olin, C.H.
Correspondence.
April 2, 1910; May 2, 1910. 3 pp.
- 22. Oliver, Frank.
Correspondence.
April 18, 1905 - January 6, 1910. 20 pp.
- 23. Rosenroll, A.S.
Correspondence.
April 28, 1902 - April 9, 1910. 7 pp.

- 24. Simmons, W.C.
Correspondence.
September 19, 1905 - January 8, 1909. 8 pp.
- 25. Stauffer, J.E.
Correspondence.
November 9, 1909; April 25, 1910. 2 pp.
- 26. Stewart, J.S.
Correspondence.
1915. 2 pp.
- 27. Stuart, C.A.
Correspondence.
May 1, 1905 - March 2, 1907. 22 pp.
- 28. Talbot, P.
Correspondence.
December 29, 1903 - March 4, 1910. 105 pp.
Peter Talbot was touted as the Liberals first choice
as Premier. Consequently his letters contain much
information on the affairs of the day.
- 29. Woolf, J.W.
Correspondence.
March 31, 1905 - July 20, 1910. 4 pp.

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Press Clippings

- 1. Alberta - General.
April 8, 1902 - September 1, 1940.
- 2. Alberta and Great Waterways Railway.
November 11, 1910 - April 3, 1913.
- 3. Map.
Trent Canal.
n.d.

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Photographs

- 1. "Breaking Ground, Alberta & Great Waterways Railways".
November, 1909.
- 2. Same as above.
- 3. Same as above.
- 4. Same as above.
- 5. "Sectional View, Manders' Construction Camp,
Alberta & Great Waterways Railway."
November, 1909.

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