

Thomas Hooper fonds

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Fonds Description

Thomas Hooper fonds. – 1912.

2 bound volumes.

1 drawing.

Biographical Sketch

Thomas Hooper was an architect with offices in Vancouver and Victoria. In 1912, the Provincial Government held an architectural competition with a cash prize of \$4,000 for the best designs for the new university campus at Point Grey. The competition called for designs for 4 buildings (Arts and Science, Agriculture, Dormitories, and Power House) whose construction would begin at once, and a sketch of proposals for the rest of the university. Amongst the 20 entries was one submitted by Thomas Hooper. In rejecting Hooper's designs the judging committee suggested that "the practical issues such as appropriate planning and cost of erection have been sacrificed to grandiose and pictorial effects."

Scope and Content

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Item List

[Sketches of the proposed University of British Columbia] / Thomas Hooper, architect, Victoria, B.C. -- 30 architectural drawings ; ms. ; 68 x 126 cm. and less.

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[1912] Bird's eye view of a proposed scheme for the University of British Columbia / Thos. Hooper architect Victoria B.C. -- 1 art drawing : ms. col. ; 68 x 126 cm. -- Orientation: southeast. -- Watercolour on paper mounted on linen. -- Architectural rendering of the university, covering most of the west end of Point Grey. -- The number "278" on paper is pasted in the bottom right corner; pinholes and surface damage in each corner of plan. -- Verso: UBC Library stamp; Vancouver Chapter, B.C. Society of Architects first exhibition sticker, indicating insurance value \$50.

Location: Loc8

[1912] Report accompanying the plans and drawings for the competition for the university buildings for the provincial government of British Columbia. 2 c. -- [Victoria, BC : Thomas Hooper, 1912]. -- 24 p., 29 plans. -- 44 x 32 cm. -- Cover title: [Copy 1] Report ; [Copy 2] University of British Columbia. -- Includes: list of 27 "departments" and the colours

indicating them on the plans [p.2]; list of 29 drawings submitted p.3]; 29 photographs of plans, each pasted on a separate sheet [not in Copy 1]. -- Copy 1 has 5 copies of the photograph Dwg 8: Plan - First Floor - Administrative Halls and Faculty Club. -- 19 x 29 cm.; Copy 2 has inscription on flyleaf "R. Wilson manager for Thos. Hooper, architect" and a newspaper clipping [1924?] "A dream came true" re the 1912 competition and beginning of construction.

Architectural Drawings. -- 29 plans : photographs, ms. annotations ; original scale 16 ft. = 1 inch or [1:192] ; approx. 17 x 25 cm. to 19 x 30 cm. -- Plan number in ink in top right corner; some deterioration in photographs. -- Contents: (1) Block plan. -- 28 x 21 cm. -- Section of "Main Mall" area outlined in red; (2) Bird's eye view. -- 16 x 29 cm.; (3) Perspective drawing of Main Entrance, Administration, and Hall blocks. -- 13 x 29 cm.; (4) Perspective drawing taken from Great Court looking towards Engineering, Fine Arts, and Liberal Arts blocks. -- 15 x 29 cm.; (5) Perspective drawing of Library from Great Court. -- 29 x 22 cm.; (6) Perspective drawing of Agricultural School. -- 15 x 30 cm.; (7) Plan - Ground Floor - Administration Halls and Faculty Club. -- 19 x 29 cm.; (8) Plan - First Floor - Administration Halls and Faculty Club. -- 17 x 25 cm.; (9) Plans - Ground, Mezzanine, and First Floor - Arts Block. -- 18 x 29 cm.; (10) Plans - Basement, Ground and First Floors - Library and Museum and Post Office. -- 19 x 30 cm.; (11) Plans - Ground, Mezzanine and First Floors - Chemistry Block. -- 18 x 29 cm.; (12) Sections - Hall, Administration, Arts, Museum, and Chemistry Blocks. -- 19 x 29 cm.; (13) Plans and Sections - Biology and Geology Blocks. -- 18 x 29 cm.; (14) Plans - Ground, First and Mezzanine Floors of Physics Block. -- 18 x 29 cm.; (15) Plans - Ground, Mezzanine and First Floor of Agricultural School. -- 19 x 29 cm.; (16) Sections and Elevations - Agricultural School. -- 18 x 29 cm.; (17) Plans - Ground, Mezzanine, First, Second and Third Floors of Engineering School. -- 19 x 29 cm.; (18) Sections - Physics, Museum and Engineering School, and Elevation of side of Museum and Library. -- 19 x 29 cm.; (19) Elevations of Entrance Administration Halls, Front of Engineering, Fine Arts, and Liberal Arts Blocks. -- 19 x 29 cm.; (20) Elevations - Side of Physics and Engineering Schools, and front of Museum, front of Chemistry and Physics, and Biology and Geology School. -- 19 x 29 cm.; (21) Plans, Sections, and Elevation - Power House and Laundry. -- 19 x 29 cm.; (22) Plans - Ground Floor of Residential Blocks. -- 19 x 29 cm.; (23) Plans - Upper Floors of Residential Blocks and Chapel. -- 17

x 25 cm.; (24) Sections and Elevations - Residential Blocks and Chapel. -- 18 x 29 cm.; (25) ½" Detail of Agricultural School. -- 29 x 19 cm.; (26) ½" Detail of General Large Science and Arts Blocks. -- 29 x 20 cm. -- some details added in ink; (27) ½" Detail of Entrance Block and General Type of Arcading. -- 29 x 10 cm.; (28) Plans - Students' Club and Gymnasium. -- 20 x 29 cm.; (29) Elevations of Gymnasium and Students' Club.

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