

# Wilfrid Sadler fonds

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# Fonds Description

**Wilfrid Sadler fonds.** – 1893-1938.

44.5 cm of textual records and published materials.

5 photographs: b&w; 15x20 cm or smaller.

## Biographical Sketch

Wilfrid Sadler was born in Haughton, Cheshire, England on December 22, 1883. He was the son of James and Emma Sadler. His father had been prominent in agricultural and dairy organization work in Great Britain for many years. In his early years, he attended Wesleyan Schools in Nantwich, and Teachers' School in Crewe. In 1906, he entered the British Dairy Institute at University College, Reading. He then became an Instructor in Dairying at Hampshire from 1907 to 1908, and Assistant Instructor in Dairying and Dairy Bacteriology at Midland Agricultural and Dairy College, Kingston, Derby from 1908 to 1912. In 1912 he published a book entitled, *Bacteria as Friends and Foes of the Dairy Farmer*. Sadler immigrated to Montreal in 1912, and was Assistant in Bacteriology at Macdonald College of McGill University from 1912 to 1914. He received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Macdonald College in 1915, and gave the Valedictory Address at his class graduation. He later graduated with a M.Sc. from McGill. In his graduating year he received two awards: the Macdonald College Gold Medal and the Governor-General's Graduate Research Medal. The inscription beneath his graduating picture in the college yearbook described Sadler in the following manner:

"A little nonsense now and then  
Is relished by the best of men."

The yearbook also described him as a debater and bacteriologist. After graduation, he became Instructor in Dairying at Macdonald College from 1916 to 1917. From 1916 to 1918, Sadler was also involved in bacteriological research for the Biological Board of Canada. In 1918, he became the first appointment to U.B.C.'s newly created Department of Dairying in the Faculty of Agriculture. Besides his teaching activities, he was involved in bacterial research, and contributed to public health and technical journals relating to the science of dairying. In 1922, Sadler became head of the department, and served in this capacity until his death in 1933. He was succeeded by Blythe Eagles.

## Scope and Content

The fonds consists of correspondence, lecture notes, reference clippings, student notebooks, programs, newsletters, certificates, musical scores, receipts, pamphlets, and

books produced and received by Wilfrid Sadler during his student days at Macdonald College and his professional activities as professor in the Department of Dairying from 1918. The Department of Dairying was part of the Faculty of Agriculture from 1916 to 1955.

### **Notes**

File list available.

All records are arranged in chronological order.

## Series Descriptions

**Correspondence series.** – 1908-1930.

7 cm of textual materials.

5 photographs: b&w ; 15x20 cm or smaller.

Series consists of a 1908 form letter from the Dairy Students' Union in Hants that has autographs on the reverse, a 1912 letter from the Emigration Branch of the Interior Department of the Government of Canada, a short correspondence in 1922 with Florence Luddington in England about Double Cottenham Cheese, and a 22 page report written in 1930 to the manager of the Powell River Company regarding "The Discoloration of Wood Pulp." Series also includes several undated miscellaneous letters, including a letter from London art valuer company called Law, Foulsham & Cole that lists china for sale. The letter is accompanied by 5 black and white photoprints of the numbered items.

**UBC Lectures series.** – 1916-1931.

7 cm of textual materials.

Series consists of lectures from the UBC. Dept. of Dairying, notes and reference clippings.

**Macdonald College series.** – 1912-1916.

13 cm of textual materials.

Series consists of Sadler's student notebooks, graduation programs, and draft copies of a newsletter.

**Miscellaneous Items series.** – 1897-1929.

4 cm of textual materials.

Series consists of certificates, musical scores, programs, receipts, and brochures pertaining to Dr. Sadler's personal life. Series includes Sadler's elementary school certificates dated 1897 to 1902.

**Reference Pamphlets.** – 1893-1938.

1 cm of published materials.

Series consists of pamphlets pertaining to a variety of topics, including Rules and Objects of the Dairy Students' Union, the Royal Castle of Rosenborg, Macdonald College courses, and the Maple Sugar Industry in Canada.

**Reference Books.** – 1908-1933.

12.5 cm of published materials.

Series consists of publications produced by Macdonald College and the National Conference on Agricultural Services. The series includes two copies of the "Old McGill."

# File List

## BOX 1

### CORRESPONDENCE

1-1 Correspondence, 1908-1930

### U.B.C. LECTURES

1-2 Lectures, 1916-23

Includes 15 lectures on dairying, milk and cheese. Also included are a small number of related notes. A 1922 lecture entitled "The Prospect," was presented to the British Columbia Academy of Science.

1-3 Lectures, n.d.

Includes 3 lectures on bacteria, cheese, and art. Also includes a small number of notes and lecture fragments.

1-4 Lecture Reference File, 1903-31

Includes abstracts and copies of journal articles.

### MACDONALD COLLEGE

Student Notebooks, 1912-16

Includes notebooks from various courses Sadler took while studying at Macdonald College in Montreal.

1-5 Bacteriology, 1912 (2 vols.)

1-6 General Staining, 1913 (2 vols.)

1-7 Animal Physiology, 1914 (1 vol.)

1-8 Animal Bacteriology, 1914-15 (2 vols.)

1-9 English, 1914-15 (1 vol.)

- 1-10 Cereal Husbandry, 1915 (2 vols.)
- 1-11 Plant Diseases, 1915 (1 vol.)
- 1-12 Bacteriology, 1916 (1 vol.)
- 1-13 Macdonald College Graduation Programs, 1911-15  
Programs for banquet and graduation exercises. Several of the programs are signed by L.D. Klinck, and include many autographs.
- 1-14 Macdonald College Club Newsletter, n.d.  
Mimeographed drafts of the newsletter entitled, "Faculty Items."

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 1-15 Elementary School Certificates, 1897-1902  
Includes an 1897 certificate from Nantwich Wesleyan School, and two certificates in model drawing in 1898 and 1902.
- 1-16 Short Pieces for the Organ, ca. 1908  
Includes 2 volumes of music scores. The hand-made covers are inscribed, "Wilfrid Sadler, Botterley Hill, Nantwich.
- 1-17 Concert Programs, 1906-16  
Includes programs from various theatres and musical concerts.
- 1-18 Receipts, 1918  
Includes receipts from various golf clubs, and the Montreal General Hospital.
- 1-19 General Reference File, 1917-29  
Includes poems, cartoons, stories and brochures on various topics. Includes some undated documents.
- 1-20 Miscellaneous Items, ca 1915-27  
Includes a hand drawn card from the "Ladies of Teachers' Residence," several U.B.C. graduation and banquet programs, a newspaper clipping of L.S. Klinck, and an unidentified picture postcard.



## REFERENCE PAMPHLETS

- 1-21      Bulletin of the University of Wisconsin, 1938.  
Dairy Students' Union. Rules and Objects, 1907.  
Dairy Students' Union. Rules and Objects, 1908.  
The Development of Stainless Steel: Its Properties and Uses. Sheffield:  
Thomas Firth and Sons Ltd.  
Dunstan, M.J.R. Some Notes on Agricultural Education and Matters of  
General Agricultural Interest. Nottingham: Fisher & Co., 1893.  
Guide Through the Royal Castle of Rosenborg. Copenhagen: J. Jorgensen &  
Co., 1922.  
Macdonald College. Bulletins, 1914 (3 vols.)  
Macdonald College. Short Courses, 1911-1913 (4 vols.)  
Nature: A Weekly Journal of Science, 127 (May 9, 1931)  
Spencer, J.B. The Maple Sugar Industry in Canada. Ottawa: Government  
Printing Bureau, 1913  
St. Andrews `By-The-Sea: New Brunswick, Canada.

## BOX 2

### REFERENCE BOOKS

- Macdonald College. The Trifolium, 1908-1909.  
Macdonald College Magazine, 4 (1913-14).  
National Conference on Agricultural Services. Official Report, 1932.  
National Conference on Agricultural Services. Official Report, 1933.  
Old McGill, 18 (1915).  
Old McGill, 19 (1916).