

MARGARET COWIE
AN INVENTORY OF HER FONDS
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Title: Margaret Cowie fonds
Dates of creation: 1920-1934
Physical description: 141 letters
4 printed items
2 photographs

Biographical Sketch:

Born in 1886 in Simcoe County, Ontario, Margaret C. Cowie began teaching at Aberdeen Public School, located at 901 Barclay Avenue in Vancouver in November 1914. Moved to Nightingale Public School in February, 1934, was superannuated in 1946, but continued at Nightingale as a substitute until June 1948. During her career as a Grade 5-6 teacher she was instrumental in developing a Canadian Literature library within her school. She passed away in 1961.

Scope and Content:

The fonds consist of 141 letters written by 83 Canadian authors who received letters from the school requesting their books, a photograph, and a letter relating to their literary career. The photographs, with two exceptions, were not retained with letters and the books were placed in the school library; but the letters, many with their envelopes addressed to Miss Margaret Cowie, were passed by Margaret Cowie to a friend and eventually donated to the UBC library. The correspondents include Marius Barbeau, Frank Burnett, Bliss Carman, Mazo de la Roche, Francis Dickie, Hubert Evans, Nellie McClung, L.M. Montgomery Macdonald, Isabel E. MacKay, Charles Mair, Emily Murphy, Charles G.D. Roberts, Constance Skinner, Robert Stead, and A.M. Stephen. Most of the letters were written between 1925 and 1928.

Source of supplied title: title based on contents of fonds.
Immediate source of acquisition: donated by Sheila E. Evans, July 24, 2002.
Arrangement:
The letters arrived in a small wooden box and in no particular order. They were arranged in alphabetical order by correspondent.

Restriction: no restrictions were placed on access.
Accruals: There will probably be no further accruals.

Series descriptions

Correspondence series.-1920 –1934 – 141 letters

Series consists of letters written by Canadian authors to Margaret Cowie at Aberdeen School, Vancouver, as requested

Printed material series. – n.d. – 4 items

Series consists of printed items found among the letters

Correspondence Series

1-1	Allison, W.J.	December 21, 1920
1-2	Australian Literary Society	January 22, 1928
1-3	Blewett, Jean	n.d.
1-2	Barbeau, Marius	October 8, 1927 November 8, 1926 October 25, 1925
1-3	Bourinot, Arthur	April 9, 1927
1-3	Burkholder, Mabel	April 1, 1924
1-4	Burnett, Frank	June 8, 1925 July 23, 1925 April 18, 1925 July 8, 1925 November 17, 1925 October 24, 1925
		March 23, 1928 March 29, 1928 April 16, 1928
1-3	Bennett, Ethel Hume	February 20, 1924 November 24, 1924
1-5	Carman, Bliss	[December 22, 1928]
	Carman, Bliss (signature only)	n.d.
1-5	Call, Frank Oliver	December 27, 1928
1-5	Colman, Mary E.	Christmas 1927 poem
1-5	Colman, Mary E. poem, lullaby	January 5, 1926
1-5	Clay, Charles	December 16, 1928
1-5	Chute, Arthur Hunt	June 30, 1927
1-5	Colquhuon, Kate enclosed poem	March 30, 1927
1-5	Cody, H.A.	Ballad of St. Julien September 12, 1925
1-6	Dalton, Annie Charlotte	June 13, 1926 April 20, 1927
1-6	De la Roche, Mazo	June 21, 1922 June 1, 1923 June 24, 1923 January 6, 1926
1-6	Dennison, Merrill	December 12, 1927

1-6	Dickie, Francis	October 17, 1923 March 24, 1926
1-6	Donovan, Peter	May 17, 1927
1-6	Durkin, Douglas Leader	November 23, 1923 December 11, 1923 January 25, 1924
1-7	Evans, Hubert E.	September 14, 1930
1-8	Fraser, A.L.	December 23, 1925 May 1, 1927
1-8	Fraser, W.A.	September 5, 1923
1-9	Grahame, Gordon Hill	May 26, 1926
1-9	Griffin, George	November 5, 1934
1-10	Hale, Katherine (pseud.) Garvin, Amelia W.	March 15, 1926 October 28, 1925
1-10	Hammond, M.O.	October 17, 1927
1-10	Holland, Norah	January 7, 1922
1-10	Horner, Leslie	October 26, []
1-11	Keith, Marian, (MacGregor, Mrs. W.C.)	September 8, 1927
1-12	Laut, H.C.	May 20, 1921
1-12	Lefevre, L.A.	March 19, 1928 and April 11, 1928
1-12	Locke, George H.	May 3, 1921
1-12	Lockhart, M.	February 8, 1928
1-13	MacArthur, Peter	March 11, 1921
1-13	MacBeth, R.G.	December 24, 1925
1-12	MacDonald, Wilson	May 17, 1928
	Macdonald L.M. Montgomery	February 17, 1922
1-12	MacInnes, Ian	January 14, 1927
	Newspaper Clipping	January 11, 1927
1-13	MacInnes, Ian	November 22, 1926
1-13	McIlwraith, J.N.	April 5, 1925
1-13	McClung, Nellie L.	[November 7, 1925]
	Enclosed with letter is a card "A prayer for Christmas and the New Year"	

1-13	MacKay, Isabel E.	May 26, 1921 June 5, 1921 June 6, 1921 n.d. n.d.
1-14	Mair, Charles photograph included	April 3, 1926 June 13, 1921 October 20, 1921 October 26, 1921 March 2, 1926
	Mair, Charles a greeting card	October 25, 1926 December 24, n.d.
1-14	Marquis, T.G.	September 4, 1925
1-13	McKelvie, B.A.	April 21, 1928
1-13	McKowan, E. (Mrs. H.A.)	May 15, 1921
1-13	MacMechan, []	June 13, 1921
1-14	Moody, Irene	November 15, 1924
	Enclosed is a review of the novel, <i>Delphine of the Eighties</i>	
1-14	Murphy, Emily T. (Janey Canuck)	February 7, 1923 n.d.
	letter in a Christmas message with illustration on the other side	December 20, 1926
1-15	Packard, Frank L.	January 14, 1923 January 1, 1928
1-15	Pike, Annie M.	September 8, 1926 [December 9, 1926]
1-16	Roberts, Charles G.D.	October 19, 1921 March 28, 1928 April 6, 1928
	A greeting card	December 25, 1929 January 13, 1934
1-16	[Roberts, Theodore Goodridge]	February 3, 1927
1-16	Rogers, Grace	June 7, 1928
1-17	Salverson, Laura Goodman	January 23, 1926
1-17	Sandwell, Helen B. photograph included of Bob and Dominica Sandwell	September 7, 1925
1-17	Saunders, Miss Marshall	January 30, 1928
1-17	Sherman, C.S.	January 17, 1925
1-17	Sinclair, Gordon	November 14, 1934

- 1-17 Skinner, Constance November [], 1921
[December 2,]
- 1-17 Snider, C.H.J. April 15, 1924
February 1, 1927
- Also handwritten notes, 6p.
- 1-17 Stead, Robert J.C. December 24, 1927
January 17, 1922
March 14, 1922
December 11, 1922
January 3, 1923
December 26, 1923
December 19, 1927
- 1-18 Steele, Harwood January 21, 1928
- 1-18 Steeves, Helen Harper January 16, 1927
April 15, 1927
[December 24, 1927
January 31, 1929
December 18, 1929
- (12 p.) Includes a newspaper clipping
- 1-18 Stephen, A.M. January 15, 1923
March 2, 1926
March 19, 1926
- 1-18 Stewart, T. April 14, 1927
- 1-19 Taylor, Frances Rea Nice May 29, [1927]
- 1-20 Wallace, Frederick William May 19, 1921
- 1-25 Wallace, Paul A.W. September 15, 1926
a greeting card [December 18, 1928]
- 1-20 Watson, Robert December 16, 1926
- 1-20 Watt, Frederick September 19, 1930
September 22, 1930
- 1-20 Wilson, May April 8, 1921
- 1-20 Winslow, Alice M. November 5, 1926
January 12, 1928
- 1-20 Wetherald, Agnes Ethel Wyn April 25, [1922]
- 1-20 Wood, William C.H. December 12, 1921
- 1-21 Letters, unidentified, (8) 1921-1928

Printed material series

- 1-22 Pike, Annie Margaret. Phelin the blind and other verses. n.d.
Mackay, Isabel Ecclestone. Treasure, a play in one act. 1927
Errol, Constance. By lost lagoon. [June, 1927]
Postcard, "Prince Rupert" wrecked, March 25, 1917. n.d.

1-12 Covers, unidentified, (11)