

ROBIE LEWIS REID, 1866-1945

AN INVENTORY OF HIS RESEARCH COLLECTION

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Provenance: Reid, Robie Lewis, 1866-1945

Title: R.L. Reid fonds

Dates: 1754-1945

Physical desc.: 57 cm of textual records ; 21 photographs

Bio/Admin History: Lawyer and historian R.L. Reid was born in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. He came to B.C. in 1885 and taught school in the Fraser Valley. Reid befriended another young teacher, F.W. Howay of New Westminster. Both returned to Nova Scotia to complete law degrees. He completed his studies at the University of Michigan where he earned his L.L.B. In 1893 Howay and Reid formed a partnership in New Westminster and practiced law together until 1905 when Howay became a County Court justice. Reid moved to Vancouver where he joined the firm of Reid, Wallbridge, Gibson and Sutton. From 1915 to 1935, he served as a member of the University of British Columbia Board of Governors and for many years acted as the university's solicitor. He donated his notable library of Canadiana to the university. In addition to his Canadiana collection, Reid is best remembered for his community service and his interest and writing in the field of numismatics and historical studies.

Scope/Content: The fonds consists of personal materials including biographical information, correspondence (1905-1944), financial records (1892-1930), speeches, clippings and memorabilia relating to Canadiana and mining in British Columbia. Also included are collected historical items, most prominent amongst which are research materials relating to Alfred Waddington (1858-1872). The fonds also includes various collected historical items (1754-1889) and photographs of the E. Moss family, Esquimalt scenery and buildings, scenes of Nelson and Ymir mining, and Cape Breton scenery.

Title source: Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Finding aids: Inventory available.

Record No.: BC 731-736 ; BC 475-477 ; BC 221-224 ; BC 226-227 ; BC 194-195 ; BC 1345

Repository: [University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections](#)

Names: Reid, Robie Lewis, 1866-1945 ; Waddington, Alfred, 1800?-1872
Moss (family)

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Robie L. Reid Papers

Inventory

<u>Box no.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. of items</u>
1-1	<u>Biographical Material</u>	n.d.	18
1-2-4	<u>Incoming Letters</u> (alphabetical list of correspondents in appendix) <i>Photos of Francis Claudet enclosed with letters of F. Claudet</i>	1905-1944	93
1-5	<u>Outgoing Letters</u>	1919-1940	20
	<u>Financial Records</u>		
1-6	Statements and receipts	1894-1930	5
1-7	Cash book of Mission Valley Company and miscellany	1892-1898	1 vol.
	<u>Speeches and writings</u> sa: <u>Printed Material</u>		
1-8 (8-9)	RLR	n.d.	30
1-9 10	Others	n.d.	3
	<u>Notes</u>		
1-11	General	n.d.	29
1-12	"Assay Office..." (includes photographs)	n.d.	ca. 45
1-13/2-6	<u>Newspaper Clippings</u>		
2 (7-8)	<u>Printed Material</u> (Articles, offprints, etc.)		
2-9	<u>Memorabilia</u>		9
3-1	<u>Recipes</u> (Mrs. R. L. Reid)		ca. 50

~~Subgroup~~

~~Robie L. Reid, Collector~~

Subject files

3-2	Big Bend Gold Mines, B.C. Broadside (published by Victoria Chamber of Commerce)	1866	1
3-3	Boer War. Envelope addressed to General Piet Cronje with biographical sketch. Copy of <u>The Bloemfontein Post</u> , 28 May 1900.	1900	2
3-4	Boys, Thomas T. A. Copy of poem "The Riders of the Plains"	1879	1
3-5	China. Carbon ts list of shipping	1789	1

- 3-6 Eaton, Charles. In account with the Canady Creek Pier Company 1861 1
- 3-7 Evans, John. Copy of letter book "The Welsh Mining Adventure in Cariboo" (carbon ts) 1862-1864 1
- 3-8 Fortune, A. L. Carbon ts of extract from ALF's ms of his early travels to the Cariboo [1862] 1
- 3-9 Henderson, Alexander. Commission with covering letter 1921 to enquire into coal mined and sold to consumers in B.C. 2
- 3-10 Lawrence, Charles. Photostats of letters to Monckton re expulsion of Acadians. From Vernon-Wager Collection at Library of Congress. With two covering letters from E. A. Smillie, Public Archives. 1754-1755 1 vol.
- 3-11 Lawrence, Charles. Photostat of list of 1-27 and RLRs notes re same 1754-1755 3
- 3-12 New Westminster. Fire Department. Financial statement (carbon ts) 1877-1879 1
- 3-13 Nind, Phillip Henry. Carbon ts of letter to Acting Colonial Secretary 9 Nov 1860 1
- 3-14 Satukurutu, Louis. Ts of indenture to Hudson's Bay Company, at Fort Langley. Copied from original owned by E. C. McLorg, Vancouver, 1939. 1841 1
- 3-15 Smith, Henry W. Indentures 1861 2
- 3-16 Smith, John F. Ts of narratives 1862-1889 6
- Letter from I. McIlvene to Isaac Hutchinson
Province of British Columbia. Indian Agencies
The Pioneer Catholic Missionaries in the Northwestern
Provinces and British Columbia
Mount Olie--Now the Little Fort; Murder of George
Rosh--Alias Spokane
Crimes and the Administration of Justice in B.C. of
which I have had personal knowledge from 1873
Experiences of a Chechacko in a Gold Mining Camp
The Famous Cassair District--1873

ROBIE L. REID PAPERS

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BOX 3

17-20 Alfred Waddington - Historical Research Material
(1858-1872)

BOX 4

Alfred Waddington - Historical Research Material
(1858-1872)

BOX 5

5-1 Broadside - Call for Volunteers to Execute Judgements
Letter - Geo. H. Cooper to the Commissioner of
County Court (Dec. 22, 1904)

5-2 Essays (3)

"Why Bits"

"Why Bits?"

"Bits and York Shillings"

5-3 Loose Leaf Notebook Containing Ms. Catalogue of Reid's
Book Collection [n.d.]

5-4 Printed Program and Membership List - B.C. Library
Association (1939) -- Reid and F.W. Howay were
appointed Honorary Lifetime Members at this
meeting.

U.B.C. Material

5-5 University Hill Ratepayers Association/University
Endowment Lands - Correspondence, Reports
(1930-1935)

5-6 Buildings - Brock Hall - Construction Agreement (1939)

5-7 Buildings - Armoury - Agreements (1941), Correspondence

APPENDIX

Note: The following names appear as correspondents in folders 1-2, 4 Incoming Letters.
Names may appear more than once in the folder.

Acadie [period.]

American Geographical Society, New York

Bibliographical Society of Canada

BLACKHALL, James

BLACKMAN, S

BOWSER, W. J.

B.C. Provincial Librarian

B.C. Provincial Librarian and Archivist

Canadian Bank of Commerce. Superintendent
of Pacific Coast Branches

CLAUDET, Fred G

EATON, Arthur Wentworth Hamilton

FERGUSON, M. J.

GOSSET, Ernest A. G.

Great Britain. Consulate, S.F.

Great Britain. Under Secretary of State

HELMCKEN, H. Dallas

Historical and Scientific Society of
Manitoba

HUGH, Fabian

HUNTLEY, C. D.

JENNS, E. A.

KING, Arthur W. W.

KING (P. S.) & Son

Kiwanis

LANDAN, Fred

LESLIE, Kate K

MCBRIDE, Richard

MCDUGALL, W. C.

MCPHILLIPS, L. G.

MAJOR, C. G.

MATTHEWS, J. S.

MILLER, J. E.

MOSS, T. M.

Native Sons of B.C.

NEWTON, H. J.

PELLY, Justinian

POWELL, Jennie

RAYMER, Stephen E.

ROBERT, Hardne Partridge

ROBERTS, Charles G. D.

SCHMIDT, G

SHANNON, Mary

SMITH, John F

Spink & Son

STEARNS, W. E.

STEVENSON, Lionel

STEVENSON, Mabel Rose

TOLMIE, Simon Fraser

WEST, Margaret

WICKHAM, P. M.

YORK, Thomas Fraser