

WILLIAM WYMOND WALKER, 1850-1919

AN INVENTORY OF HIS SHORT ARTICLES

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**Provenance:** Walkem, William Wymond, 1850-1919

**Title:** William Walkem fonds

**Dates:** 1894-1915

**Physical desc.:** 20 cm of textual records ; 7 photographs

**Bio/Admin History:** William Walkem, physician and brother of B.C. Premier George Walkem, was born in Montreal. He graduated from medical school at McGill University in 1873. While a student, Walkem served as a reporter for Montreal newspapers. Later he sailed as a seaman to Britain where he tried unsuccessfully to join the Carlist forces in Spain. On his return to Canada, he married and went to British Columbia to serve as secretary to his brother. He was briefly editor of the Victoria Daily Standard, medical officer for Victoria, for Nanaimo, and for various mining and milling companies, and he served as an MLA for Nanaimo South from 1894 to 1898.

**Scope/Content:** The fonds consists of a number of typewritten manuscripts for short articles by Dr. Walkem as well as clippings of published articles. The fonds also includes Walkem's incomplete autobiography, a scrapbook of clippings relating to his experiences as a MLA and photographs.

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

**Finding aids:** Inventory available.

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

**Names:** Walkem, William Wymond, 1850-1919

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MANUSCRIPTS

Many of these manuscripts were published by Walkem as short articles in The Province or in Stories of Early British Columbia, Vancouver: News-Advertiser, 1914. With the exception of handwritten notes of [Tierra Del Fuego] and fragments on gold mining in B.C., all the manuscripts are in typescript form. All were undated.

1-1	Autobiography		12p. (inc.)
1-2	Begbie, Matthew Baillie		53p.
1-3	[Christmas Day Festivities]		8p. (inc.)
	[Gold mining in British Columbia]		3p. (inc.)
1-4	Guanaco, or Wild Llama		12p. (inc.)
	Experiences on the Patagonian Plains of South America.		
1-5	Higgins, David W.		4p. (inc.)
	McLennan, John		8p.
1-6	[Medical practice at Burrard Inlet, 1877]		6p.
1-7	[Medical Practice on Vancouver Island, Cowichan district]		18p. (inc.)
	[Missionary work among the Hesquiats]		7p. (inc.)
1-8	My First Visit to an Indian Potlach		13p.
1-9	The Ordination of an Indian Shaman or Medicine Man		17p.
1-10	[Tierra Del Fuego]	[ca. 1901-02]	120p.
	A narrative about the land, mountains, and inhabitants near the southern tip of South America.		
1-11	Turner, John Herbert, 1834-1923	[7 May 1915]	4p.
1-12	Where Katherine Page will be married		5p. (inc.)
	An historical sketch on Chapel Royal of St. James Palace		
1-13	[Wild Animals]		51p.
	Sketches on moose, mule deer, white tailed deer, black tailed deer, big horn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, grizzly bear, black bear, white bear, wolf, coyote, and panther, [cougar].		

PHOTOGRAPHS, (7) All photos removed and placed in BC Historical Photograph Collection

- 1 Unidentified -- buildings on a river front, possibly used by the forest products industry (BC 1497-1500) 4 (BC 1497-1500)
- Members of the B.C. Legislature posing in front of the Legislative Building, (2), and posing in the chambers of the building. (BC 1501-1503) [1897-98 3 (BC 1501-1503)]

PRINTED MATERIAL: NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

- 2-2 Articles written by Walkem and printed in The Daily Province relating to various aspects of B.C. history-- Indians, gold rushes, frontier and pioneer life, brief sketches of individuals prominent in public life with whom Walkem was personally acquainted, etc. 15 Feb 1913 - 6 Feb 1915 31 articles
- 2-3 Articles relating to the experiences of John Bryant, pioneer, miner, and trapper. 1913 14 articles
- 2-4 Scrapbook of articles relating to his activities as M.L.A. for Nanaimo South, 1894-98 and his written works pertaining to frontier and pioneer life in British Columbia. Many of the 1894-98 articles pertain to Chinese labour in B.C. 1894-1914 193p.