

Department of Agronomy fonds

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Fonds Description

Department of Agronomy fonds. – 1919-1952; predominant 1936-1952.

5.2 m of textual records.

Administrative History

The Department of Agronomy was established in 1916 as part of the Faculty of Agriculture, and was responsible for research and education in agricultural economy as it related to field crops, soil and fertilizers. The first two members of the Department were Leonard Klinck, who was also Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, and P.A. Boving, who became Department chair in 1917 and retained the post until 1930. During 1916 and 1917, the Department cultivated a small portion of campus land for experimental work. In 1917, the first course, Agronomy 1, was offered as well as several short courses for the community and returning war veterans. By 1919, the Department had developed a full range of courses leading to a Bachelor's Degree. In 1930, G.G. Moe replaced Boving as Department chair, and retained the post until 1954. During its early years, the Department concentrated much of its efforts on public education and outreach. But during the late 1920s and early 1930s, it suffered from heavy budget cuts because it was seen to have little relevance to average farmers by provincial legislators. Recovery from these setbacks began in 1933 with the cooperative efforts of the Provincial and Federal Departments of Agriculture, which led to many joint Department-government projects, such as research on seed development and the Dominion Experimental Farms. The Department was disbanded in 1955 when the Faculty of Agriculture was reorganized. At that time, its functions of teaching plant and soil science was split between the Plant Science Division and the Soil Science Department.

Custodial History

The records were apparently transferred to the Division of Plant Science in 1955 at the time of administrative reorganization. In 1983, they were transferred to the University Archives from the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of the correspondence series, which is all that remains of the records of the Department of Agronomy. During its early years, the Department concentrated largely on public education and outreach, and the material reflects this, for it includes a large number of inquiries from local farmers and gardeners regarding their crops. It is arranged in a clearly identifiable classification system that is consistently used and developed throughout the years.

Notes

Fonds consists of institutional records – access requests must be reviewed by the University's FOIPOP Coordinator.

The file classification system is included as an appendix to the file inventory.

File list available.

Other related material can be found in the [Division of Plant Science fonds](#), the [P.A. Boving fonds](#), the [G.G. Moe fonds](#), and the [V.C. Brink fonds](#).

File List

- A.1 Subject Files, 1919-36
 - Box 1: 1-64, "A" General - Dominion Seed Branch
 - Box 2: 1-62, Dry Weight Apparatus - Library
 - Box 3: 1-48, "M" General - Seed Board
 - Box 4: 1-41, Seed Judging - Winter Fair Results

- A.2 Subject Files, 1936-37
 - Box 5: 1-11, "A" General - Estimates

- A.3 Subject Files, 1939-40
 - Box 5: 12-31, Field Day - Varieties, New

- A.4 Subject Files, 1940-41
 - Box 5: 32-84, "A" General - Extension Lectures
 - Box 6: 1-53, "F" - "X-Y-Z"

- A.5 Subject Files, 1941-42
 - Box 7: 1-82, Accounts - "X-Y-Z"

- A.6 Subject Files, 1942-43
 - Box 7: 83-115, "A" - Extension Department
 - Box 8: 1-46, "F" - Wheat, General

- A.7 Subject Files, 1943-44
 - Box 8: 47-119, "A" - Whitmore, J.E.D.

- A.8 Subject Files, 1944-45
 - Box 9: 1-77, "A" - "X-Y-Z"

- A.9 Subject Files, 1946-48
 - Box 10: 1-47, "A" - Library
 - Box 11: 1-36, "M" - "X-Y-Z"

- A.10 Subject Files, 1948-50
 - Box 11: 37-61, "A" - Extension Department
 - Box 12: 1-47, "F" - Wiener, W.T.G.

A.11 Subject Files, 1950-52
Box 13: 1-70, Accountant, W. White - "X-Y-Z"

APPENDIX

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR CORRESPONDENCE SERIES

Not all subject classification headings are used in each chronological sequence.

"A" General
Accession Numbers, Grains
Accountant, W. White
Accounts
Acts, Dominion and Provincial
Addresses
Agricultural Education
Agricultural Faculty
Agricultural Institute of Canada
Agricultural Production Committee
Agricultural Supply Board
Agricultural Supplies Committee
Agriculture in B.C.
Agrogram
Agrologists, B.C., Institute of
Agronomy Appointments
Agronomy Conferences
Alberta Wheat Pool
Alfalfa
Alfalfa, Cornell Material
Alfalfa, Crown Wart Disease
Alfalfa Data
Alfalfa Grant Accounts
Alfalfa Improvement Conference
Alumni Association, McDonald
American Society of Agronomy
American Society of Range Management
Annuities and Insurance
Apiary, U.B.C.
Applications

Applications for Employment
Appointments
Archibald, E.S.
Associate Committee on Grain Research
Associations
Australia, W.C. Grasby

"B" General
B.C. Academy of Science
B.C. Agronomists' Association
B.C. Industrial and Scientific Research Council
Barley
Barley Improvement Institute
Barley, Malting Problem
Barley Malting Ecological Studies
Blackburn, Mills and Graham
Bluegrass (Winter), Poa Bulbosa
Board of Grain Commissioners
Bolton, J.L.
Bonavia, William
Books and Bulletins
Boving, G.B.
Boving, P.A.
Boyes-Thompson Institute
Boys' and Girls' Clubs
Brink, Vernon C.
Budgets
Budgets and Invoices
Budget Requests
Building Plans
Bulletins
Bureau of Plant Industry
Bursar
Bursar - A. MacLucas

"C" General
C.S.G.A.
C.S.T.A. - B.C. Branch
C.S.T.A. - Junior
C.S.T.A. - Loal 1932

Cabbage Root Maggot
Calander Material
Canada Thistle
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
Canadian Manufacturers' Association, R.V. Robinson
Canadian Seed Growers' Association
 see also, Elite Seed
Canadian Seed Growers' Association, W.T.G. Wiener
Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists
Carnegie Grant Commission
Census
Cereal Division
Cereals
Chain Harrow
Cheat Grass
Chicory
Civil Service Commission
Class Room
Clovers
Committee on Prizes and Scholarships
Cooperative Work With Provincial Department of Agriculture
Corn
Cornell University
Correspondence, General
Crop Inspection Reports
Crop Standards
Crop Statistics
Correspondence, Foreign
Courses
Courses, General

"D" General
Darst, N.H., Collegiate Crops Contest
Dean F.M. Clement
Dean Eagles
Dean Gage
Dedolph Fertilizer
Department of Agriculture, Ottawa
Department of Agriculture, Victoria
Department of Agronomy

Dewdney District Seeding Dykes, Nicomen Island
Dominion Conferences
Dominion Departments
Dominion Experimental Farms
Dominion Grain Research Laboratory, Winnipeg
Dominion Plant Products Division
Dominion Plant Products Division, Vancouver
Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Plan
Dominion Seed Branch, G.M. Stewart, Calgary
Drosophila
Dry Weight Apparatus

"E" General
Economics
Elite Seed
Emslie, B. Leslie
Entomology
Enquiries
Enquiries, General
Equipments and Lab Supplies
Estimates
Evans, H.H., District Horticulturist
Evaporation Data
Examinations
Examination Results
Examination Rules
Exhibitions
Expense Accounts
Experimental Methods
Extension Department
Extension Lectures
Extracts from Articles

"F" General
F.A.O.
Faculty
Faculty Association
Faculty Council
Faculty of Agriculture
Fair Calendars and Meeting Programs

Farm and Home
Farm Crop Costs
Farm Equipment and Machinery
Farm Mechanics' Committee
Farmers' Institute
Feed Unit System
Fellowships, Scholarships and Prizes
Fertilizer Committee
Fertilizer and Agricultural Poisons Board
Fertilizer Subvention
Field Crop Union
Field Crops Sub-Committee
Field Day
Field Disease Inspection Reports
Field Plans
Flax
Flax, Fibre
Food Production
Fraser, W.P.

"G" General

Game Warden, A. Bryan Williams
Genetics
Golf Association
Graduate Students
Graduate Studies
Graduate Studies, F.H. Grindley
Grass and Clover Mixtures
Grasses
Grasses and Forage Crops
Grain Inspection Reports
Grain Inspections, William Crawford

"H" General

Hall, R.M.
Haystacks
Hicks, W.H.
High School Judging Competition
Hormones
Hunter, W.L.

"I" General
Improved Seed
Inter-Collegiate Crop Judging
International Education Board File List
Invoices and Accounts

"J" General
Journal Vouchers

"K" General
Klinck, President L.S.
Korean Lespedeza

"L" General
Labour, Departmental
Labour, High School
Laird, D.G.
Lee, J.D., Superintendent of Buildings
Library
Library, U.B.C.
Librarian, John Ridington
Lower Mainland Field Crop Committee
Lower Mainland Soils Committee

"M" General
MacBean, K.
MacKenzie, President N.A.M.
Mann, A.J.
Manure
Matthews, Stanley W., Registrar
 see also, Registrar, S.W.

Matthews
"Mc" General
McGill Alumni
McVean, Peter
Memo - The Wiley Bulletin
Memorandum on Supplies
Memorandums
Meteorology
Michels Grass

Millets, Proso
Miscellaneous
Moe, Dr. G.G. - Personal
Moresby Island Farm
Munroe, J.B., Deputy Minister of Agriculture

"N" General
National Barley Committee
National Barley Institute
National Committee on Weeds
National Conference of Canadian
Universities
National Research Council
Natural Grass Fertilization
Needoba, Alfred
Newman, L.H.
Newspaper Clippings
Newton, R.G.
North Western Miller

"O" General
Oats
Official Orders

"P" General
Pacific Science Congress
Pay Sheets
 see also, Invoices and Accounts
 see also, Alfalfa Grant Accounts

Peas
Permanent Pasture Mixture
Phillips, S.S., District Agriculturist
Plant Breeders' Committee
Plant Breeding
Plant Breeding Work, Point Grey
Plant Products Division
Portland
Post-Graduate Students
Potatoe Seed Certification
Potatoes

Potatoes - H.S. McLeod
Potatoes - W.J. Lesage
President MacKenzie
Press Material
Project Point Grey
Provincial Departments
Provincial Seed Board
Provincial Seed Committee
Purchasing Agent

"R" General
Radio Lectures
Ramie Grass
Recommendations
Recommended Varieties
Registrar, S.W. Matthews
Rehabilitation
Reports and Data
Research Projects
Results, Point Grey
Richards, A.E.
Rowles, Dr. C.A.

"S" General
Sanfoin
Seattle, G.A. Landers
Seed Board
Seed Inspection Certificates
Seed Judging Competition
Seed Treatment
Senate
Shipments
Short Course
Sigma Tau Upsilon
Silo
Soldier Settlement Board
Soils
Soy Beans
Stevenson, Dr. T.M.
Student Affairs

Student Affairs, Miscellaneous
Student Christian Movement, U.B.C.
Student Seminars
Straight, E.M.
Student Labour
Student Labour and Positions
Student Reports
Sugar Beet Seed Production
Sugar Beets
Sutton, R.G., District Agriculturist
Suzzallo, Henry, President

"T" General
Tall Oat Grass
Tapp, Cecil
Tice, Cecil

"U" General
U.B.C. Administration and Service Offices
U.B.C. General
U.B.C. Miscellaneous
Undergraduate Letters
Undergraduate Students
Unemployment Insurance Commission
United Seed Growers
Unity of Location for the Biological Sciences
University Club of Vancouver
University Farm Surveys

"V" General
Variegation Studies, D.C. Warner
Variety Testing, 1931
Varieties
Varieties, Grain
Varieties, New

"W" General
War Work
Wartime Bureau of Technical Personnel
Wartime Prices and Trade Board

Weeds
Western Canadian Society of Agronomy
Wheat Committee
Wheat, Fall Variety
Wheat, General
Wheat Work
Whitmore, J.E.D.
Wiener, W.T.G.
Wild Grass Investigations
Winter Fair Results

"X-Y-Z" General