

Collection: The Robert Edward McKechnie fonds

Names: McKechnie, Robert Edward, 1861-1944

Description: These papers were the gift of Miss Alice L. Wright, niece of Dr Robert Edward McKechnie (1861-1944), physician and one-time Chancellor of The University of British Columbia.

The collection has now been transferred into acid-free envelopes numbered from 1 to 27. These envelopes have notes to indicate their contents and the whole group is stored in an acid-free document box. Photocopies of addresses made by Dr McKechnie as Chancellor of the University have been sent to the Rare Books and Special Collections Division.

Dates: 1879-1944

Location: Memorial Room Rare Cabinet 27

Items: 12 cm. of textual records

Inventory:

Note: Numbers below refer to envelopes.

1. Poem, dated Jan., 1879; to May Goff; on the occasion of the departure from Prince Edward Island of the McKechnie family.
2. Notebook, 1879, containing an account of a trip by R.E.McK. from P.E.I. to St. Boniface, Man., bringing the horses (and later oxen) to the new family home. Some notes on expenditures are included, as are some recipes.
3. Homestead entry receipt, dated 11/5/82, Dominion Lands Office, Turtle Mountain Agency, for SE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 1, Range 29 W. Taxes on above property for 1884.
4. McGill University, Faculty of Medicine, Annual Dinner, Nov. 28, 1889: invitation, menu & programme, telegram signed R. Rowan, badge of R. E. McKechnie, Chairman and ms. notes for R.E.McK.'s after-dinner remarks.
5. McGill University: cards & two notes from the Montreal General Hospital certifying R.E.McK.'s service in various departments, 1886-1890; notice of his election as a resident medical officer, M.G.H., April 1890; affidavit sworn by R.E.McK. in Montreal, May, 1890, to make him eligible to receive the degree M.D.C.M. from McGill University.

6. McGill University: receipts for fees paid: sessions 1888-89, 1889-90; course cards showing registrations, 1886-1889.
7. McGill University: two "day-books", 1886-1891, mainly records of expenditures and receipts of money. Include some lists of examination results showing R.E.McK.'s standing in his class.
8. McGill University: examination papers & results (various subjects) 1886-1890.
9. McGill University, Faculty of Medicine, "Certificate of Attendance" sessions 1887-88, 1888-89, 1889-90, signed by the professors in each subject.
10. ALS from Dr. Roddick, Apr. 7, [1892] accompanying a letter of recommendation which Roddick wrote, dated Apr. 6, 1892, with stamped envelope.
11. "Letter register" covering letters written by R.E.McK. between May, 1902 and July, 1903.
12. Notebook recording observations made at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, 1904.
13. [Winnipeg] Free Press Extra: list of wounded, Battle of Batoche, 2nd Northwest Rebellion, 1885.
14. ALS from R.E.McK.'s father [William], Feb. 10, 1891 from Winnipeg, giving advice on possible choices of career.
15. Miscellaneous items, many of them ALS related to R.E.McK.'s move from Montreal to Vancouver Island. Included are membership cards, railway passes, etc.
16. Two certificates: upon attaining the 14th degree in the Ancient Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, April 3, 1902; attesting to R.E.McK.'s status as a Mason, 4th Nov, 5903 (Masonic year). [1903]
17. Four ALS from various officials in the C.P.R., 1883-86; 1 ALS of recommendation, Sept. 24, 1886, from the Assistant Storekeeper, C.P.R.
18. Notes on various surgical procedures: 5 1., undated. [Vancouver, B.C.]
19. Miner's certificates, British Columbia, 1898-1900; mining receipt, 1899.
20. Notes: Microorganisms, Mar. 28, 1894; respiration [n.d.]; nervous system (incomplete) [n.d.]
21. Clippings and other materials on the McKechnie "clan".

22. Two reprints: Address in medicine, Canadian Medical Association, Vancouver, 1904; Sympathectomy for tic douloureux, from CMJ, v.28, 1933.
23. Newspaper clippings, and some from other sources.
24. Typescripts of four addresses: Osler lecture, 1931; Reminiscences of forty years' practice; Some thoughts on education, Oct. 24, 1932; Influence of environment, 1934.
25. Congregation addresses, U.B.C., 1932-1941. (incomplete)
26. Address on the occasion of the conferring of a degree (LLD) on Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada, Mar. 17/39. (Typescript)
27. Photographs and snapshots - mainly family. Note: Item 28 is v.20, no.9, June, 1944/Bull. of the Vancouver Medical Assoc. containing obituary notice of R.E.McK.