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INTRODUCTION

Series consists of index tools compiled between 1947 and the early 1960s to assist in the preparation of William Lyon Mackenzie King's biography. The series contains two types of records: subject binders and a chronological card index. The subject binders provide an alphabetical listing of subjects which were thought to be useful for the biography. Subject headings cover a wide range of topics, from agriculture to the Second World War, as well as individuals of importance. Under each subject heading is a list of correspondence in which that particular subject is discussed. The list identifies the date of each letter as well as the correspondents. For correspondence written before 1930 there is a matching card in the chronological card index which provides a synopsis of the letter.

The card index contains the precis cards used to summarize 'important' correspondence which was pulled for the use of the biographer. The cards were filed chronologically, and within each year, the cards were arranged alphabetically according to the name of the letter writer. Precis cards exist for the period 1880-1948, although after 1930 the number of precis cards declines significantly.

The actual correspondence referred to in the subject binders and cards can likely be located in the Primary series correspondence (J1), but may also be located in the Prime Minister's Office correspondence series (J2) or the General correspondence series (J3). Material identified as collateral will likely be found in the Memoranda and notes series (J4). Researchers should consult the finding aids and indexes for those series in order to locate a specific item or related file.

INTRODUCTION

La série se compose d'index créés entre 1947 et le début des années 1960 en vue de la rédaction de la biographie de William Lyon Mackenzie King. La série comprend deux genres de documents: des reliures par matière et un fichier chronologique. Les reliures fournissent une liste par ordre alphabétique des matières jugées utiles pour la rédaction de la biographie. Les vedettes-matières portent sur un large éventail de sujets, depuis l'agriculture jusqu'à la Seconde Guerre mondiale en passant par les personnages importants. Sous chaque vedette-matière se trouve une liste de la correspondance dans laquelle on aborde le sujet en question. La liste indique la date de chaque lettre de même que le nom des correspondants. Pour la correspondance rédigée avant 1930, il existe une fiche correspondante dans le fichier chronologique qui présente un résumé de la lettre.

Le catalogue sur fiches contient les fiches précis utilisées pour résumer la correspondance «importante» soustraite pour la rédaction de la biographie. Les fiches ont été classées par ordre chronologique et, pour chaque année, par ordre alphabétique d'après le nom de l'auteur de la lettre. Il y a des fiches précis pour la période de 1880 à 1948, mais leur nombre diminue considérablement après 1930.

La correspondance dont il est fait mention dans les reliures par matière et dans les fiches peut probablement être retracée dans la correspondance de la série primaire (J1), mais aussi dans la série de correspondance du cabinet du premier ministre (J2) ou dans la série de correspondance générale (J3). On retracera probablement les documents accessoires dans la série des mémoires et notes (J4). On recommande aux chercheurs de consulter les instruments de recherche et les index pour ces séries pour retracer une pièce en particulier ou un dossier connexe.

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