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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PAPERS

BLAKE, Edward (1833-1912). Politician.

Originals, 1871-1912. 27 pages. Photocopies, 1890-1924.
12 cm. Microfilm, 1867-1910. 34 reels. M-237 to M-270.
Finding Aid No. 168.

Hon. Edward Blake (1833-1912), a prominent equity lawyer and constitutional authority, was a Liberal Member of the Ontario Legislative Assembly, 1867-1872, (Leader of the Opposition, 1867-1871 and Premier, 1871-1872); a Member of the House of Commons, 1867-1891, (Minister without portfolio, November 1873 - February 1874, Minister of Justice, May 1875 - June 1877, President of the Council, June 1877 - January 1878, Leader of the Opposition, 1880-1887), and an Irish Nationalist Member of the United Kingdom House of Commons, 1892-1907.

The Blake Papers were transferred to the Ontario Archives in 1952 on indefinite loan from the University of Toronto Library. A considerable portion of them was microfilmed in 1956 and a copy of the film was obtained by the Public Archives in 1957. The original papers in the Public Archives were presented by W.E. Wright in 1956 and the photocopies were presented in 1977 by Mrs. J.W. Bacque who owns the originals.

The Finding Aid No. 168 is a file list (microfilm and photocopies) and a list of individual items in the vertical storage.

Papers in the Ontario Archives:

Legal correspondence, 1872-1907. Reels M-237 and 238.

The early portion is related to Blake's legal practice in Toronto but the greater part concerns cases before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Canadian political correspondence, 1867-1908. Reels M-238 to 262.

Special correspondents, 1870-1907. Reels M-238 to 242.

Letters from eighteen correspondents, nearly all cabinet colleagues, with whom correspondence was fairly voluminous. In alphabetical order and numbered. List.

General correspondence, 1867-1908. Reels M-243 to 247.

The letters remaining after the selection of the above correspondence. In chronological order.

Letterbooks, 1875-1877. Reels M-248 to 262.

Letterpress copies of letters written by Blake or his private secretary while he was Minister of Justice. Seven of the ten letterbooks have indexes.

Telegraph book, 1875-1877. Reel M-262.

Irish political correspondence, 1892-1910. Reels M-263 to 270.
Special correspondents, 1892-1910. Reels M-263 to 266.
Letters from ten correspondents, Irish Nationalists and
British Liberals, particularly John Redmond and John
Dillon. In alphabetical order.

General correspondence, 1892-1908. Reels M-266 to 270.
In chronological order.

Papers in the Public Archives:

Addresses presented to Blake, 1881-1894. Originals, 20 pages
(Vertical Filing Cabinet).

Seventeen in number. Many are undated. List.

Commission appointing Blake as a member of the Executive Council
of Ontario, 20 December 1871. Original, 1 page (Vertical Filing
Cabinet).

Resolutions on the death of Blake, 1912. Originals, 2 pages
(Vertical Filing Cabinet).

Letters from Blake to a niece, n.d. Original, 4 pages.

Correspondence of Edward Blake and his sons, S.V. and E.F. Blake,
on personal and business matters, 1890-1904. Letters to V.B.
Blake concerning this correspondence, 1923-1924. Photocopies,
12 cm.

I. PAPERS IN THE ONTARIO ARCHIVES

LEGAL CORRESPONDENCEReel

M-237 Legal correspondence
 M-238 Legal correspondence

CANADIAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENCE

Special correspondents:

Burpee, Isaac
 Carnarvon, Earl of and Dufferin, Earl of
 M-239 Carnarvon, Earl of and Dufferin, Earl of (continued)
 Cartwright, Richard
 Dorion, Antoine-Aimé
 Edgar, J.D.
 Griffin, Martin
 Holton, Luther
 M-240 Huntington, Lucius
 Jones, A.
 Laurier, W.
 M-241 Mackenzie, A.G.
 Mills, David
 M-242 Mills, David (continued)
 Mowat, Oliver
 Scott, R.W.
 Smith, A.J.
 Smith, Goldwin
 Willison, John

General correspondence:

General Canadian political correspondence, 1867-1875
 M-244 General Canadian political correspondence, 1876
 M-245 General Canadian political correspondence, 1877-17 July 1882
 M-246 General Canadian political correspondence, 17 July 1882-4 Apr. 1887
 M-247 General Canadian political correspondence, 8 Apr. 1887-1 May 1908
 and n.d.

Reel

Letterbooks and telegram book:

The Blake letter books and telegram book, containing copies of Blake's outgoing correspondence when he was Minister of Justice, are included in Part II, Section 5 of the Blake papers, i.e. in General Canadian Political Correspondence. The following is a list of them:

Letter Book 1 - 26 June 1875 - 1 October 1875
Letter Book 2 - 2 October 1875 - 18 November 1875
Letter Book 3 - 19 November 1875 - 20 January 1876
Letter Book 4 - 21 January 1876 - 29 March 1876
Letter Book 5 - 30 March 1876 - 31 May 1876
Letter Book 6 - 1 June 1876 - 24 July 1876 (First letter
book from London)
Letter Book 7 - 27 July 1876 - 16 August 1876 (Second letter
book from London)
Letter Book 8 - 5 September 1876 - 18 December 1876
Letter Book 9 - 20 December 1876 - 23 March 1877
Letter Book 10 - 24 March 1877 - 13 June 1877
Telegram Book - 1875 - 1877

They appear on microfilm as follows:

M-248 Letter Book 1, pp. 1-718 (complete book)
M-249 Letter Book 2, pp. 1-680
M-250 Letter Book 2, pp. 681-998
Letter Book 3, pp. 1-320
M-251 Letter Book 3, pp. 321-973
M-252 Letter Book 3, pp. 974-993
Letter Book 4, pp. 1-273
M-253 Letter Book 4, pp. 274-897
M-254 Letter Book 4, pp. 898-998
M-255 Letter Book 5, pp. 1-654
M-256 Letter Book 5, pp. 655-928
Letter Book 6, pp. 1-470 (complete book)
M-257 Letter Book 7, pp. 1-389 (complete book)
Letter Book 8, pp. 1-386

Reel

- M-258 Letter Book 8, pp. 387-1001
- M-259 Letter Book 9, pp. 1-190
- M-260 Letter Book 9, pp. 191-843
- M-261 Letter Book 9, pp. 844-997
- Letter Book 10, pp. 1-456
- M-262 Letter Book 10, pp. 457-496
- Telegram Book, pp. 1-262 and some unnumbered pages at end (complete book)

IRISH POLITICAL CORRESPONDENCE

Special correspondents:

- M-263 Correspondence with:
 - James Bryce, 1892-5, 1900, 1908
 - Michael Davitt, 1892-1902
 - John Dillon, 2 June 1892-24 July 1897

Correspondence with:

- John Dillon, 28 July 1897-21 December 1903

Correspondence with:

- John Dillon, 22 December 1903-17 December 1909 & n.d.
- W.E. Gladstone, 1893-4
- Justin McCarthy, 1892-7, 1907, 1910 & n.d.
- John Morley, 1892-6 & n.d.
- J.F.X. O'Brien, 1893-1903
- William O'Brien, 1893-1903 & n.d.
- T.P. O'Connor, 1892-5, 1904-7
- John Redmond, 11 March 1900 - 30 March 1903

Correspondence with:

M-266

Reel

M-269 General Irish Political Correspondence,
 20 September 1894 - 11 November 1897

M-270 General Irish Political Correspondence,
 11 November 1897 - 3 January 1908

Note (blurred material): Both reels M-263 and M-264 contain blurred material, as follows:

Reel M-263. Photostats following nos. 57, 113, 114, 129, 133, 155, 156, 159, 161, 173, 174, 203, 205.

Reel M-264. Photostats following nos. 432, 433.

II. PAPERS IN THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES

ADDRESSES PRESENTED TO BLAKE

(in vertical filing cabinet)

- (b)(1)
1. Saint John, N.B. Liberal Association, July 15, 1881.
 2. Quebec, 8 Sept. 1881.
 3. Miramichi, N.B. Liberal Association, 2 Sept. 1881.
 4. East Elgin Reform Association, June 5, 1882.
 5. Citizens and Mayor of Woodstock, Ont., [1884].
 6. Cornwall, Ontario, Mayor and Council, September, 8, 1884.
 7. Ottawa Liberals, August 30, 1886.
 8. Hamilton Young Liberal Association, December 22, 1886.
 9. East Simcoe Reform Association, [1886].
 10. West Durham Reform Association, [1887].
 11. Hastings Reform Club, [1887].
 12. Montreal Liberal Association, [1887].
 13. Parry Sound Young Liberals, [1889].
 14. West Bristol Women's Liberal Association, November 14, 1892.
 15. Young Irishmen's Literary and Benefit Association, June 29, 1894.
 16. Liberal Associations of Hull and Ottawa, n.d.
 17. Huntingdon, Que., September 23

COMMISSION

(in vertical filing cabinet)

- (b)(2) Commission dated 20 December 1871 appointing Edward Blake a member of the Executive Council of Canada

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF BLAKE

(in vertical filing cabinet)

- 2(c)
1. Board of Governors of the University of Toronto, March 28, 1912
 2. Executive Committee of Wycliffe College, March 28, 1912.

CORRESPONDENCE

Original:

Edward Blake - letter to his niece n.d.

Photocopies:

Edward Blake to E.F. Blake (12 files)	n.d., 1890-1902
Edward Blake - miscellaneous	n.d., 1901
E.F. Blake to Edward Blake	1896
E.F. Blake to S.V. Blake (8 files)	1897-1904
E.F. Blake - miscellaneous	n.d., 1897, 1901
S.V. Blake to Edward Blake	1898
S.V. Blake to E.F. Blake (5 files)	1895-1899
S.V. Blake - miscellaneous	1898-1900
V.B. Blake - correspondence regarding Blake letters	1923, 1924