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JARVIS, Ernest Frederick (1862-19 ). Secretary and Civil Servant.

Originals, 1885-1918, 1957, 1960. 10 cm. Finding Aid No. 764

Born in St. Eleanors, Prince Edward Island, E.F. Jarvis was for a time secretary to the Honourable Edward Blake. In 1881 Jarvis entered the Post office Department as a clerk. From 1892 to 1895 he was private secretary to the Honourable J.C. Patterson who was Secretary of State, Minister of Militia and Defence, and Minister without portfolio respectively. In 1893 Jarvis was officially transferred from the Post Office Department to the Department of Militia and Defence. Here he was appointed chief clerk in 1903, secretary to the militia council in 1904, and assistant deputy minister in 1908.

Presented in 1960 and 1976 by E.A. Meredith Jarvis.

The finding aid No. 764 is a chronological listing of individual items.

Papers contain letters from the Honourable Edward Blake (1885-1891) referring to Blake's retirement from the Liberal Party leadership and requesting copies of "blue books" and other items. Also included is a letterbook containing copies of approximately 400 letters written by Jarvis on behalf of the Honourable J.C. Patterson. There are letters from W.J. Gascoigne, E.T.H. Hutton, and R.H. O'Grady Haly, all former General officers Commanding the Canadian Militia, as well as letters from Lord Strathcona and Dr. R.W. Powell, Medical Council of Canada. The residue of papers refer to personal and family matters.

DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF ITEMSDATE

A	<u>Ernest Frederick Jarvis</u> Five letters from the Honourable Edward Blake to his former secretary, E.F. Jarvis	1885-1891
	Letterbook, containing approximately 400 copies of letters indexed alphabetically, by E.F. Jarvis, Private Secretary to the Hon. James Colebrooke Patterson, to varied individuals. During this time Patterson was Secretary of State, Minister of Militia and Defence, and Minister without portfolio.	Aug. 1892- Mar. 1895
	Letter from (A.V.) Moorland, Charlottetown to E.F. Jarvis, Summerside. (8 pp)	July 5, 1889
	Warranty for Upright Burl Piano by Mason and Risch Limited	Sept. 10, 1892
	Agreement for receipt of Piano	Oct. 8, 1892
	Marriage certificate of Ernest Frederick Jarvis and Ethel Colborne Meridith (sic)	Sept. 13, 1892
	Letter from W.J. Gascoigne, England (via New York) to E.F. Jarvis, Ottawa. Major-General W. J. Gascoigne, General Officer Commanding the Canadian Militia Sept. 1895 to June 1898	Sept. 2, 1898
	Correspondence of William T. Hunt, Summerside, E.F. Jarvis, Ottawa, and C.W. Jarvis, Fort William, regarding the estate of the late Henry F. Jarvis of Summerside. Strictly family matters. (5 letters, 1 receipt)	1898

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Letter to Henry F. Jarvis of Summerside from H.T. Champion of Winnipeg regarding the estate of the late Major E.W. Jarvis. Reply by son, E.F. Jarvis. Will included.	1898
Auctioneer's list from sale of Mrs. H. F. Jarvis' furniture. (3 pp.)	Sept. 12, 1898
Letter from W.J. Gascoigne, Hong Kong, to E.F. Jarvis, Ottawa, describing British military activities in the East, and comparing experience of Imperial soldiers in Canada or elsewhere.	June 20, 1899
Letter from Strathcona to E.F. Jarvis thanking Jarvis for his co-operation in the organization of the Strathcona's Horse and enclosing memento. (no enclosure)	July 31, 1900
Letter from Major General E.T.H. Hutton, General Officer commanding the Canadian Militia to E.F. Jarvis.	Feb. 12, 1900
Letter from Major General E.T.H. Hutton, formerly General Officer Commanding the Canadian Militia, to E.F. Jarvis. (4 pp.)	Aug. 8, 1900
Correspondence of H.T. Champion of Winnipeg, E.F. Jarvis Ottawa, and Lt.-Col. W.E. Hodgins of Ottawa regarding distribution of the estate of the late Major E.W. Jarvis of the North West Mounted Police. (5 pp.)	Aug.-Sept. 1901

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Letter from Major General R.H. O'Grady Haly, General Officer Commanding the Canadian Militia, to E.F. Jarvis. (3 pp.) Interesting comparison of Canadian and Australian forces.	July 6, 1902
Letter from Major General R.H. O'Grady Haly, formerly G.O.C. Canadian Militia to E.F. Jarvis. (6 pp.) Letter expresses Haly's views concerning Canadian forces etc.	Oct. 5, 1902
Letter from Major General R.H. O'Grady Haly to E.F. Jarvis. (3 pp.)	Dec. 27, 1902
Letter from Major General R.H. O'Grady Haly to E.F. Jarvis. (2 pp.)	June 3, 1903
Letter from Major General R.H. O'Grady Haly to E.F. Jarvis. (4 pp.) Remarks regarding G.O.C., Lord Dundonald.	Nov. 8, 1903
Letter from Major General R.H. O'Grady Haly to E.F. Jarvis. Remarks regarding the Dundonald dismissal and consequences	Aug. 5, 1906
Letter from Major J.L.H. Bogart, Camp Engineer, Petawawa (with enclosed vouchers for kit at High View) to E.F. Jarvis, Department of Militia and Defence. Jarvis acknowledgement attached.	Aug.-Oct. 1912
Plans and Elevations, Highview Cottage signed by J.L.H. Bogart, Royal Canadian Engineers.	July 29, 1912

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Correspondence regarding appointment of E.F. Jarvis to Commission to enquire into the state of records of the different Departments of the Dominion. Jarvis' reply.	Nov. 12-13, 1912
Certified copy of P.C. 3054 appointing Commission to inquire into state of public records.	Nov. 9, 1912
Letter from Mrs. H.F. Jarvis (Lucy Des Brisay Harding) to son, E.F. Jarvis.	Mar. 24, 1914
Letter from Colonel Eugene Fiset, Deputy Minister, Department of Militia and Defence, to E.F. Jarvis.	Oct. 5, 1915
Letter from H.G. Henderson, Military Secretary to Governor General, to E.F. Jarvis informing Jarvis of nomination for Imperial Service Orders. Acceptance by E.F. Jarvis attached.	May 18, 20, 1918
Royal Warrant appointing E.F. Jarvis a companion of the Imperial Service Order, Insignia of the Order, Statutes of the Order and accompanying letter.	June 3, 1918
Letter by E.F. Jarvis informing Imperial Service Order, London, of his investiture, June 1918.	Dec. 27, 1918
Letter from Dr. R.W. Powell (Surgeon, Lt. Col.) Medical Council of Canada, to E.F. Jarvis.	n.d.

DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF ITEMSDATEB Jarvis Family (General)

Typed extract of letter from George Jarvis of Cornwall, Ontario, to E.A. Meredith of Ottawa (1873). Followed by more typed notes containing genealogical information.

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Letter from D.T. Symons of Kingston, to Mrs. E.F. Jarvis (Ethel) regarding the estate of Eliza Anne Gwynne of Toronto. Will of E.A. Gwynne and rough acknowledgement attached.

July 15, 1910

Typed copy of excerpt from Broadcast CFRA by Charlotte Whitton. Description of Mrs. E. [C.] Meredith Jarvis.

May 26, 1957

Newspaper Clippings concerning Dean W.C.J. Meredith, Ernest F. Jarvis, Lucy Des Brisay Harding Jarvis, and Colborne Powell Meredith, son of Anne Frances Jarvis.

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