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## INTRODUCTION

Finding Aid No. 95 provides a description of the various items microfilmed with notes on the origin and the nature of the items. It was apparently prepared at the time of filming.

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RUSSELL, Lord John (1792-1878). British statesman.

Originals, 1837. 8 pages. Microfilm, 1838-1855.  
Reel, B-970. Photocopies, 1837-1846. 33 pages.  
Finding Aid No. 95.

Lord John Russell (1792-1878) was Home Secretary, 1835-1839; Colonial Secretary, 1839-1841 and Prime Minister, 1846-1852.

Papers relating to Lord John Russell are deposited in the Public Record Office, London (PRO 30/22). Selections of Canadian interest were copied in 1938. A number of original items and of photocopies were acquired at various time from different sources. Finding Aid No. 95 provides a description of the various items: microfilmed with notes on the origin and the nature of the items.

Letters, memorandum and miscellaneous papers relating to the colonial policy and political situation in Canada, 1837-1846 (Originals, 1837, 8 pages and photocopies, 1837-1846, 19 pages). The original items were acquired in 1917 and 1969. The letter of 20 March 1837 from Lord Glenelg was copied in 1970 from originals in the Rhodes House Library, Oxford and the other items were copied in 1966 from negative photostatic copies in the possession of Dr. Gustave Lanctot.

Selections of Canadian interest from the Russell papers, 1838-1855 as well as a photocopy of an epitome of proposed Canada Act, 19 January 1837. Photocopies, 14 pages and microfilm, reel B-970. Copied in 1938 and 1958 from originals in the Public Record Office, London (PRO 30/22).

List of extracts filmed from the

RUSSELL PAPERS

Film No 970

B-970

P.R.O. Reference

1937\*

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JANUARY 1838

BOX 3

1 January 1838 Howick - Russell.  
2 " " " "  
2 " " " "  
2 " " Mulgrave - Russell.  
6 " " Russell.  
6 " " Russell - Stanley.  
6 " " Mulgrave - Russell.  
7 " " Ellice - Russell.  
10 " " - - Russell  
17 " " Howick - Russell.

Observations on Lord John R. }  
Canada Memo. }  
Paper on Canada.  
General feeling on Canada question  
Canada.  
Canada.  
The course Mulgrave intends to  
take on the Canada question.  
How the Government deal with  
Canada.  
Adjournment of Canada Bill.

MARCH & APRIL 1838

15 April 1838 Buller - Russell.  
25 " " Brinsley - Goddard.  
26 " " Grey - Russell.  
27 " " Roe - Russell.

Colonial question of representation  
Informing Goddard that Radical  
Museum Parpinian had arrived in  
his district (sic).

Mr. Goddard has received from  
Havre a letter stating that the  
Canadian rebels had arrived.

MAY & JUNE 1838.

20 June 1838. Molesworth - Russell. On transportation.

JULY to SEPTEMBER 1838.

14 August 1838. The Speaker. Canada debate.  
3 September 1838. Russell - Melbourne. About the Chaplains - Canada.

OCTOBER 1838.

9 October 1838.  
18 " " Russell - Melbourne.  
22 " " " "  
23 " " " "

Quebec Gazette.  
Lord Durham's Resignation.  
Reasons for considering it  
necessary to assemble Parliament  
before Christmas: on the state of  
Canada.

Ellice and recalling Parliament  
to discuss matters to provide  
for the security of the Province  
of Lower Canada.

\* 19 January 1837 Epitome of the proposed Canada Act. (see photos for copy)



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## BOX 3 (continued)

### OCTOBER 1838 (cont.)

24 October 1838 Palmerston - Russell.  
25 " " Russell.

25 " " Russell - Melbourne.

If practicable, 10 years of Govr. and Council for Canada a good suggestion.  
Lord Glenely's despatches - state of Canada.

### NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 1838.

17 November 1838  
2 December 1838 Russell - Melbourne.

8 " " Tavistock - Russell.  
9 " " Russell - Melbourne.

12 " " Russell - Melbourne.

20 " " Durham - Glenely.

20 " " Russell - Melbourne.

The Reformer - Newspaper cutting. Bad news from Canada, as reported in the papers. Increase of the army. Prosecutions for illegal meeting.  
Government and land. Durham. Lord Durham's resignation. W.Ellice's letter respecting his state of feeling and the advice he has given him.  
Canada. Disposition of the prisoners. Précaiser (?) Society a failure. All the evils under which the country labours to be attributed to the misgovernment of W.Pitt.  
Stating that he will send his report on N.America.  
With respect to opening a confidential communication with Durham on affairs of Canada. Is ready to undertake it at first but after it must go through Colonial Secy. of State.

### JANUARY to JULY 1839.

28 March 1839 Russell.

7 May " Ellice - Russell.

May " " "

\* 28 May " Thomson - Russell.

JUNE

Canada.

Advice on the crisis.  
Canada Bill.

### AUGUST to DECEMBER & UNDATED.

31 1839 Thomson - Easthope.

\* 20 August 1839 Thomson - Russell.

\* 21 " "

On an article by Ellice in the Times.

Cabinet Minute respecting guarantee of loan to Upper Canada.

(SEE KNAPLUND - NOTE 6, p.169)



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BOX 3 (continued)AUGUST to DECEMBER & UNDATED (cont.)

27 August 1839.	Ellice - Russell.	On the changes made in the Government of Canada.
29 August "		Copy of Lord Hill's letter relating to proposed distribution of army. Canada.
29 " "	Ellice - Russell.	Misunderstanding about his salary.
* 31 " "	Thomson - Normanby.	
* 1 September 1839.	" - Russell.	
* 1 " "	<del>RUSSELL</del> - <del>THOMSON</del>	Misunderstanding about his salary.
* 2 " "	Russell - Thomson.	Respecting guarantee of loan to Upper Canada.
5 " "	Colbourne - Russell.	On his leaving Canada.
7 " "	Thomson - Russell.	Departing for Canada.
9 " "	Ellice - Russell.	Howick's reason for resigning.
9 " "	Russell - Fitzroy.	Garrison abroad.
	" "	Answer about garrison abroad.
* 4 October	" - Thomson.	Responsible Government.
20 " "	Palmerston - Russell.	
* 22 " "	Thomson - Russell.	
* 25 " "	Palmerston - Russell.	
* 25 November	Thomson - Russell.	
* 18 December 1839	" "	Canada.
	Head to Russell.	Dispatch.

JANUARY to AUGUST 1840.

* 18 January 1840	Thomson - Russell.	(COMPLETED ON 23rd JANUARY)
24 " "	" "	NOT IN KNAPLOND.
26 April "	Russell - Melbourne.	Prepare for an immediate settlement of the Boundary Question.
May "	Russell - Bethune.	Clergy reserves and other Bills.
30 June "	Russell.	Clergy Reserves. The Archbishop's scheme, new proposals.
2 July "	Macaulay.	The churches in Canada.
2 " "	Peel - Russell.	
11 " "	Howick - Russell.	Clergy Reserves - Objections to Bill.
22 August 1840	Campbell - Russell.	
	Howick - Russell.	
19 January 1841 (sic)	Palmerston - Russell.	American Boundary.

SEPTEMBER to DECEMBER & UNDATED 1840.

20 September 1840	Russell - Melbourne.	Mentions letters from Ellice & Thomson.
25 " "	enclosing)	
(19) 17 " 1770)	Rochford to)	Admiralty course of proceedings in
21 " 1770)	Admiralty )	Naval armament being ordered in
29 November 1840	Falkland - Russell.	those from 1770-1793 inclusive.



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BOX 3 (continued)Small bundle of letters marked 'Repairs'.

15 January 1840	Bedford - Russell.	Story of Bishop Phillpotts.
*13 February "	Thomson - Russell.	
*13 March "	" "	
*26 " "	" "	
*5 May "	" "	
*6 " "	" "	
*18 " "	" "	
*23 " "	" "	
*28 " "	" "	
*27 June "	" "	
*28 " "	" "	
*28 " "	" "	
*27 July "	" "	
*28 August "	" "	
*16 September "	" "	
*27 " "	" "	
*12 October "	Sydenham - Russell	
*28 " "	" "	
*24 November "	" "	
*24 " "	" "	
*26 December "	" "	

BOX 4JANUARY to MAY 1841

20 January 1841	Somerset - Russell.	Officers for Government of New Brunswick.
28 " "	Sydenham - Russell.	
*22 February "	" "	Canada - Finances.
23 " "	Metcalf - Harvey.	Congratulating him on his new appointment. The Boundary question and Sydenhams visit to Harvey's province.
*24 " "	Sydenham - Russell.	
25 " "	Harvey - Russell.	Letter from Governor of Fredericton.
*25 " "	Sydenham - Russell.	Canada financial state of the Province.
28 " "	Harvey - Anglesey.	
15 March "	Nicolls - Fox	Appointment of Kingston as Seat of Government.
30 " 1839	Normanby - Russell.	Canada.
5 April "	Anglesey - "	Sir John Harvey for employment.
*10 " "	Baring - Russell.	Canada.
*12 " "	Sydenham - Russell.	



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BOX 4 (continued)JANUARY to MAY 1841

13 April 1841	Baring - Russell.	
14 " "	Russell.	Memo.
22 " "	Huntley - Russell.	Offered post of Governor of Newfoundland.
	<sup>arvey</sup>	
26 " "	Russell - Queen Victoria.	Sir J. Harvey.
* 26 " "	Sydenham - Russell.	
9 May	Huntley - Russell.	Accepting Governorship of Newfoundland.
	<sup>arvey</sup>	
13 " "	Grey - Russell.	
20 " "	Falkland - Russell.	
* 25 " "	Sydenham - Russell.	

JUNE to DECEMBER 1841.

	1841	Ellice - Russell.	Canada.
* 12 June	"	Sydenham - Russell.	
23 "	"	Harvey - Russell.	Accepts Newfoundland.
* 27 "	"	Sydenham - Russell.	Canadian affairs.
2 July	"	Codrington - Russell.	Wishes Russell to look into the case of Mr. Ogden, Attorney General in Canada.
* 12 "	"	Sydenham - Russell.	
12 "	"	Stanley - Russell.	Lord Sydenham.
* 25 "	"	Sydenham - Russell	NOT IN KNAPLUND.
* 27 "	"	"	
* 27 "	"	"	Tenders resignation.
* 4 August	"	"	
7 "	"	Stanley - Russell.	Lord Sydenham. Canada.
* 11 "	"	Sydenham - Russell.	
* 28 "	"	"	
4 September 1841		Stanley - Russell.	Mr. McLeod.
* 11 Sept.	"	Sydenham - Russell.	
* 20 "	"	"	An account of Lord Sydenham's death.
5 October	"	Stanley - Russell.	
17 "	"	"	
1841.		Normanby - Russell.	

1842

24 September 1842.	Palmerston - Russell.	Treaty with America, Boundary question.
23 October	" Buller - Russell.	Free navigation rights of the St. John's.

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BOX 4 (continued)1843

Undated.	Palmerston - Russell.	Canadian corn should be tax free.
28 April 1843.	" "	Canadian Corn Bill.

1844

14 August 1844.	Ellice - Russell.
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1845

14 January 1845.	Ellice - Russell.
9 August "	" "
20 September "	" "

Extract of a despatch received from Sir George Simpson to the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Committee, dated Fort Garry, Red River Settlement.

March 1855

5 March 1855.	Grey - Russell.
7 " "	" "
13 " "	" "

Colonial Affairs.

July 1855

22 July 1855	Solomon Hailes - Russell.	Expressing the people's high opinion of Lord Russell.
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