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O'CONNOR, WILLIAM FRANCIS (1873-1940). Lawyer, Public Servant.

Originals, 1900-1940, 1.5 m. Finding Aid No. 122.

William F. O'Connor was appointed Law Clerk of the Senate in 1934 after having practised law in Halifax, Ottawa and Toronto. He held various official positions during his career, including Presiding Commissioner of the Board of Commerce, 1919-1920, took an active interest in constitutional matters, and assisted Sir Robert Borden in the arrangement of his papers and the preparation of his memoirs.

Presented in 1955 by his daughter, Mrs. John A. MacDonald of Ottawa, Ontario.

The finding aid is a descriptive list of topics arranged according to the type of material and chronological period.

General Correspondence, 1900-1940. 30 cm. (Volumes 1-3).

Letters received and copies of letters sent, arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

Business Correspondence, 1904-1928. 30 cm. (Volumes 4-6).

Miscellaneous papers gathered in subject files relating chiefly to mining in Canada and investment of Canadian and American capital.

Subject Files, 1912-1931. 40 cm. (Volumes 7-10).

Memoranda, notes, draft reports, articles, manuscripts, clippings, and copies of legal documents relating to Constitutional Questions, 1916-1926, Customs Inquiry, 1926, Election of 1917, External Affairs, Lawsuits, Pecuniary Claims, Wartime Legislation.

Printed Material, 1887-1940. 50 cm. (Volumes 11-15).

Pamphlets, circulars, clippings arranged by subject.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE (1900-1940)

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent. Subjects include the Board of Commerce, election campaigns, Custom Department inquiry, and various political and commercial matters. Nominal list indicating main topics:

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Correspondent</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topics</u>
1	Beck, Sir Adam	1925	N.S. Coal
	Beckett, H.C.	1917	Cost of Living Commission
	Blaccadar, C.C. "Acadian Recorder"	1913	O'Connor, Meagher partnership
	Black, W.J.	1919	
	Bennett, Rt. Hon. R.B.	1931-34	N.S. Coal
	Borden, Sir R.L.	1904-33	Borden Memoirs. Sir Arthur Currie election campaigns 1904-1908. O'Connor-Meagher partnership. Canada's part in the war. National registration. Board of Commerce. Elections Act. Customs inquiry. Borden Memoirs. Meighen.
	Carruthers	1916	
	Castonguay, Jules	1918-20	Electoral districts, appointment
	Chadwick, Francis	1918	Electoral lists
	Clark, Dr. Michael	1919	Board of Commerce
	Clark, Prof. W.C.	1920	Board of Commerce (Sugar)

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1 (cont'd)	Calder, Hon. J.A.	1919-20	Land Settlement Act (Soldiers). Elections Act.
	Calder, R.L.	1926	Customs Investigation
	Carswell Co., Ltd.	1919-33	Book on Bankruptcy
	Clarkson, Gordon & Co.	1926-30	Customs Inquiry
	Crothers, Hon. T.W.	1917-18	Cost of Living Commission
	Daly, Harold	1931	
	Dandurand, Hon. R.	1938-41	Income Tax
	Dennis, Hon, Wm.	1913	Meagher partnership
	D'Entrement, Hilaire	1920	Geneology
	Doucet, A.J. (M.P.)	1926	Customs Inquiry
	Doull, John	1933	Railway Employees' Claims
	Drummond, H.R.	1917	Cost of Living (Sugar)
	Dwyer, Mary T.	1916	
	Doherty, Hon. C.J.	1917-21	Cost of Living Commission. Board of Commerce. Combines.
	Duncan, Walter	1926	Customs Inquiry
	Edwards, W. Stuart (Deputy Minister, Justice Dept.)	1926	Customs Inquiry
	Egan, Eleanor F.	1917	
	Elliott, J.C.	1926	Election
	Ferguson, Hon. Howard	1926	N.S. Coal

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1 (cont'd)	Foran, Wm. (Civil Service Commission)	1919-20	Board of Commerce
	Foster, Sir G.E. (Acting P.M.)	1920	Board of Commerce
	Ford, Mary	1900-10	
	Ford, Mary	1911-17	
2	Ford, Mary	1918-36	
	Garland, E.J.	1928	
	Gibson, Justice G.F.	1933	Railway Employees' Claims
	Gisborne, F.H.	1918-19	Election Act
	Gordon, G.N.	1921	Board of Commerce Bill
	Griffiths, C.H. (Canadian Progress Club)	1930	W.F. O'Connor
	Gordon, Hon. W.A. Minister of Labour	1930-35	Labour Legislation
	Guthrie, Hon. Hugh	1918-31	Elections Act, Revision of Statutes, Customs Inquiry, Combines Investigation.
	Halifax City Clerk	1914	Assessment
	Halifax Mayor	1919	Board of Commerce
	Harper, H.H.	1931	
	Harrington, Hon. G.S.	1925	N.S. Coal
	Henley, W.C.	1926	Patronage

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2 (cont'd)	Holland, W.T.	1914	
	Income Tax Inspector	1921-40	
	Jacobs, S.W. (M.P.)	1919	Board of Commerce
	Jenks, S.	n.d.	
	Kelleher, J.K. (Halifax Chronicle)	1913	Meagher partnership
	Ketcheson, H.W. Davidson Cooperative Assn.	1917	
	King, Rt. Hon. W.L.M.	1928	
	La Couvee, Capt. A.	1926	Customs Inquiry
	Lemieux, Sir Francois	1926	Customs Inquiry
	Longley, C.F.	1926	Customs Inquiry
	Mackie, Lt. Col. H.J. M.P.	1920	Board of Commerce. Civil Service Commission.
	Machin, H.A.C.	1920	Union Government
	Manion, Hon. R.J.	1930	United States relations
	Maritime Telephone and Telegraph	1913	Meagher partnership
	Massey, C.V.	1918	Cost of Living. Milling Industry.
	Maxwell, W.H.	1933	Legal publication
	Meagher, J.J.	1919	National Engraving Co.(?)
	Meagher, John N.	1918-21	Federal election 1917. Civil Service Commission.

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2 (cont'd)	Meyer, W.	1919	Federal politics 1921
	Mombourquette, W.	1926	Customs Inquiry
	Montgomery	1917	Cost of Living Commission
	Murphy, Hon. C.	1917	
	Murray, R.H.	1926	Customs Inquiry
	Meagher, T.J.N.	1913	Partnership
	Meighen, Rt. Hon. Arthur	1917-40	Criminal Code. Military Supplies. Federal election 1917. Wartime Elections Act. German nationals. Manitoba statutes. Mineral lands. Mortgages. Board of Commerce. Immigration Act. Civil Service Commission. Combines. Judicial appointments. Revision of Statutes. Federal election 1921. Appt. of women to Senate. Electorial lists 1925. Customs inquiry 1926. North Huron bye-election. Locarno. Cabinet appointments. Constitutional issue 1926. Income Tax 1938.
	Mellish, H.	1913-14	Meagher partnership
	Murdock, Hon. James	1919-40	Board of Commerce. Railway dispute. Federal election 1921.
3	McClenaghan, S.W.	1939	
	McConnell, J.W.	1917	Cost of Living Commission

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3 (cont'd)	MacCoy, W.B.	1919	Soldier Settlement Act
	McCully, W.J.	1921	Federal election 1917
	McCurdy, F.B.	1910	
	McGregor, F.A.	1929	Combines Investigation Act
	McKenna, B.J.	1918	Board of Commerce
	MacKenzie, D.D. M.P.	1920	Board of Commerce
	McLaughlin, R.S.	1928	
	MacRae, Dean D.A.	1916	
	MacLean, Lt. Col. J.B.	1919-20	Board of Commerce
	National Engraving Co.	1918	
	National Service, Inc.	1920-21	
	Nesbitt, E.W.	1921	Federal Election 1921
	Nicholls, Hon. F.	1920	Board of Commerce
	Nickle, Hon. W.F.	1923-25	<u>See</u> Ont. Atty. Gen.
	Northrup, W.B. (Clerk of House of Commons)	1920	Clerk of Crown in Chancery
	Nova Scotia Attorney General	1922	
	Nova Scotia Barristers Society	1927-41	W.F. O'Connor
	O'Connor, G.B.	1918	Sir Joseph Flavelle
	O'Leary, Grattan	1921	Federal election 1921
	O'Mullin, J.C.	1919	German nationals
	<u>Ottawa Citizen</u>	1917-21	Cost of Living Commission, Board of Commerce, Federal election 1921.

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3 (cont'd)	O'Connor, Emily	1919-20	
	Ontario Asst. Provincial Sec'y	1936	
	Ontario Attorney General	1927-31	
	Nickle, Hon. W.F.	1923-26	N.S. Coal, provincial powers, liquor
	Price, Hon. W.H.	1926-31	
	Bayly, E. (Deputy Atty. Gen.)	1927-31	Legal work, Combines Investigation Act,
	Owen, Daniel	1918-21	Business, etc.
	Patenaude, E.L.	1925	
	Pearson, G.F.	1913	Meagher partnership
	Penfield, E. Jean N.		Directorate
	Perley, Sir George	1925-26	North Huron bye-election
	Quebec <u>Le Soleil</u>	1919	Board of Commerce
	Railway Employees	1933	Railway dispute
	Ralston, Hon. J.L.	1930	
	Retail Merchants Assn.	1928	Combines
	Rhodes, Hon. E.N.	1925	N.S. politics
	Roche, Hon. W.J.	1920	Civil Service Commission
	Ross, P.D. (Ottawa Journal)	1925	
	Robson, H.A. (Chairman, Board of Commerce)	1919-20	Board of Commerce

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3 (cont'd)	Sifton, Hon. Arthur	1920	Clerk of Crown in Chancery
	Smith, E. Norman	1919	National Engraving Co.
	Smith, Dean Sidney	1933	Legal publication
	Sparks, R.P.	1934	
	Stevens, Hon. H.H.	1926	Customs Inquiry
	Stewart, Prof. H.L.	1926	Constitutional issue
	Sturgeon, R.C.	1926	
	Sullivan, E.	1920-21	
	Sutherland, Donald	1925	
	Stewart, J.M.	1925	N.S. politics
	Taylor, G.W. (Acting Deputy Minister, Customs Dept.)	1926	Customs Inquiry
	Thomas, J.J.	1920	H.A. Robson
	<u>Toronto Globe</u>	1919-28	Sugar export. Election 1917 W.T.R. Preston.
	Unknown	1916	First World War
	Webster, L.C.	1917	Cost of Living Commission
	White, Capt. Wm.	1919-20	Board of Commerce. British Empire Steel Corporation.
	Witson, W.T.	1926	Customs Inquiry
	<u>Winnipeg Telegram</u>	1918	Cost of Living Commission
	Wolvin, R.M.	1920	

BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE (1904-1928)

Subject files relating chiefly to mining in Canada, and investments of Canadian and American capital, as follows:

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
4	Acker's Family Theatre	1911
	Carswell Publishing Co.	1919
	Eastern Coal Mining Co.	1907
	Great Northern Mining Railway Co. (incl. St. Lawrence Gypsum Co.)	1913-1917
5	International Gypsum Corp.	1920-1928 (4 files)
6	Mabou Collieries	1923
	Nova Scotia - antimony	1909
	Nova Scotia - gold mining	1904-1923
	Nova Scotia - iron and steel	1907
	Port Hood Coal Co.	1905-1909
	St. Lawrence Sugar Refineries	1921-1923
	Southern Labrador Pulp and Paper Co.	1920
	Sugar investments and sugar trade	1920

SUBJECT FILES (1912-1931)

Subject files containing memoranda, notes, draft reports, and articles, manuscripts, clippings copies of legal documents, etc., on the following subjects:

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
7	Board of Commerce, Investigations	1919-1920
	Constitutional questions. Deals chiefly with Parliament, Judiciary, prohibition, appeals to the Privy Council.	1916-1926
	Royal Commission on Customs	1926
	Elections Instructions, lists, expenses, also returning officers reports for military voters in North America, United Kingdom and Europe and summary of votes cast by constituency.	1917 (2 files)
8	Elections	1917 (3 files)
9	Elections	1917
	External Affairs Halibut Treaty, Locarno Pact, Imperial relations.	1923-1925
	Law Suits Chiefly suit entered for fees covering legal work for the Royal Commission on Customs and Excise.	1926-1931
	Pecuniary Claims Tribunal Notes on naval prize law, British argument in the Cadenhead case, international arbitration.	1912-1914
10	Wartime legislation. Chiefly copies of memoranda for the Minister of Justice on regulations concerning enemy aliens, travel, munitions, commerce, voting, emergency powers, censorship.	1914-1918 (2 files)

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
10 (cont'd)	Miscellaneous Short story by W.F. O'Connor; autobiographical notes by Admiral Lord Dundonald and memoranda on use of machine guns and gas in the Great War. Draft of portion of work on law relating to covenants. Sundry notes and speeches, chiefly on politics, tariffs and Irish history. Birth certificate, law diploma, membership cards, etc.	1917-1925 and n.d. (3 files)

PRINTED MATERIAL (1887-1940)

Pamphlets, circulars, clippings arranged by subject.

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
11	Canadian Northern Railway Dominion and Provincial statutes.	1908, 1913 (2 files)
	Combines Investigation Act Bill 54 and appendix to factum in Supreme Court.	1923, 1927
	Constitutional questions. Debates on Confederation in Quebec Legislative Assembly, pamphlets on B.N.A. Act, responsible government, legislative powers of provinces and disallowance.	1918-1927
12	Constitutional questions.	1918-1927 (2 files)
	Elections Instructions to returning officers, 1935. Report on Elections in Yukon, 1935. Representation, 1914.	1914, 1935
13	Great War Treaty of Versailles, 1919. Trading with the enemy, 1916	1916, 1919
	Industrial Disputes Investigation Act Judicial proceedings on constitutional validity.	1925
	Law Trade Union Law, 1935. Admiralty Law, 1935. Canada Law Reports, various cases, 1936.	1935-1936
	Marriage and divorce. Delpit case, 1901. Divorce suit, 1917. Pamphlet by Canon Henson, 1910.	1901-1917
14	Pecuniary claims. Cayuga Indians.	1912

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
14 (cont'd)	Royal Commission on Customs and Excise Transcripts of evidence.	1926
15	Royal Commission on Maritimes Claims Report and submission.	1926
	U.S. Relations Reports on relations 1827-1886 and Behring Sea fisheries.	1887,1893
	Miscellaneous printed material. A portion of the argument of counsel, Federal District Capital, Carleton Ketchum	1906-1940
	Report of the Special Committee appointed to determine the rights of the Senate in matters of financial legislation.	1923
	Thomas D'Arcy McGee as an Empire Builder, address by J.K. Foran.	1906
	Property and Civil Rights in the Province by W.F. O'Connor.	1940
	The Canadian-King and Bennett.	July 1930
	Report of Acting Commissioner W.F. O'Connor on Cost of Living.	1917
	Cost of Living, proceedings of the Special Committee.	1919
	Report of the Royal Commission on Technical and Professional Services.	1930
	Sundry newspaper clippings.	1911-1932