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ROWELL, Newton Wesley (1867-1941). Lawyer and Politician.

Originals, 1824-1942. 4.63 m. Photocopies, 1950. 6 pages.
Transcripts, 1917-1920. 17 pages. Finding Aid No. 131.

Newton Wesley Rowell was born in Middlesex County, Ontario on 1 November 1867. Educated at public schools and the Ontario Law Society, he was admitted to the Bar of Ontario, in 1891, became a K.C. in 1902, and a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1911.

Rowell was first elected in 1911 as the member in the Ontario Legislative Assembly for North Oxford. From 1911 to 1917 he was the Liberal House Leader. In 1917 he was elected M.P. for Durham County, resigning his seat in 1921. As a member of the Union Government, he was President of the Privy Council, 1917-1920, Minister of Health, 1919-1920, and a member of the Imperial War Cabinet, 1918. In addition, he represented Canada at the International Labour Conference, 1919, and the League of Nations, 1920. He retired from the Government in 1920. Rowell served as Chief Justice of Ontario, 1936-38, and Chairman of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations, 1937-38, resigning because of ill health.

Most of the Rowell papers were presented by his widow in 1951. The bulk of the personal and family papers (Volume 89) were presented by his daughter, Mrs. H.R. Jackman, in 1977. Volumes 1 to 34 are also available on microfilm, reels C-930 to C-946.

The finding aid no. 131 is a list of file titles and the microfilm conversion list.

Political & Public Life

Correspondence, 1902-1938. 1.63 m (vols. 1-13, 19-20).

Arranged alphabetically in subject and nominal files, and chronologically within files. Included are files on R.L. Borden, federal and Ontario politics, League of Nations and the Rowell-Sirois Commission.

Speeches, n.d.; 1912-1931. 35 cm (vols. 13-18).

Consists of drafts of typewritten copies. Arranged chronologically.

Memoranda and notes, n.d. 26 cm (vols. 21-27).

Arranged alphabetically in subject files. Included are files on church and religion, reciprocity and Imperial relations.

Reference, 1896-1939. 2.16 m. (vols. 28-88).

Newspaper Clippings, 1900-1933. 33 cm (vols. 28-33).

Includes criticism of Rowell (vol. 31), Rowell-Sirois Commission (vols. 33-34).

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Scrapbooks, 1896-1939. 1.83 m (vols. 35-88).
Consists of general and subject volumes.

Personal, 1824-1881; 1887-1942. 22.5 cm (vols. 13, 89).

Rowell, Green, and Coyne Families, 1824-1881. 49 pages
(vol. 89).

Files arranged chronologically. Letters written by Rowell's father, Joseph Rowell, by Rowell's mother, Nancy Green, and by other relatives and their associates, concerning immigration, settlement, family, religion, and other matters.

General and Political, 1887-1942. (vol. 13, 89).

Files are arranged chronologically, and consist largely letters written by Rowell to his wife and family, discussing political issues and his travels.

Personal correspondence, 1917-1920. Transcripts, 17 pages.
Photocopies, 6 pages.

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POLITICAL AND PUBLIC LIFE

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19		Letters of Congratulations, appointment of Rowell as Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Ontario (bound), Vol. 1.	September 1936
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40		<u>The News</u>	1913
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52		<u>Toronto World</u> , campaign speeches	1914
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54		<u>The Globe</u>	1915
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66		<u>Star</u> , re trip to England	1916
67		<u>Telegram</u> , re England trip	1916
68		<u>Toronto World</u>	1916
69		<u>Toronto World</u> , re England trip	1916
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	Nancy Green-Charly Wilton -Religion, family.	5 January (1860?)
	Nancy Green-Miss Wilton -Religion, family.	10 January 1860
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		Correspondence (37) -Letters mostly written by Rowell from Toronto; with a small number of letters written by his sister, mother and others. Topics include Rowell's election defeat in East York in 1900, the temperance movement, and Church matters.	1891-1908
		Correspondence (26) -Letters mostly written by Rowell to his sister Mary. Topics include the World Missionary Conference, 1911, Rowell's nomination as Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, 1911, the Ontario elections of 1911 and 1915, a trip to England, 1913, the War and the temperance movement.	1911-1915
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		Correspondence, African trip - Correspondence concerning a trip to South Africa, Basutoland, Rhodesia, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Kenya. Includes reports of interviews with two African tribal chiefs and letters from two British officials.	1920
		Correspondence, League of Nations (30) - Correspondence principally concerning Rowell's attendance at the First Assembly of the League of Nations in Geneva.	1920
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		Correspondence, Rowell-Sirois Commission (67) -Letters written by Rowell to his family during hearings of the Rowell-Sirois Commission.	1937-1938
		Correspondence, Appointment as Chief Justice of Ontario -Formal correspondence relating to Rowell's appointment as Chief Justice. Correspondents include Ernest Lapointe.	1936
		Correspondence, Resignation (31) 2 files -Correspondence relating to Rowell's resignation as Chief Justice of Ontario and as head of the Rowell Commission. Correspondents include W.L.M. King, Ernest Lapointe, J. Sirois and John Dafoe.	1938-1940
		Letters of condolence (31) -Letters written to Rowell and Mrs. Rowell after his stroke and resignation in 1938; letters and resolutions of condolence sent to Mrs. Rowell after Rowell's death in November 1941.	1938-1942

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		Mrs. N.W. Rowell - Notes and transcripts (23 pp.)	1950, n.d.
		-Notes made by Mrs. Rowell on the usefulness of her husband's letters to the historian. Tran- scripts made by Mrs. Rowell of sections of the letters which she regarded as of particular interest.	