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JOSEPH J. MURPHY COLLECTION (fl.1880-1930).

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PAPERS

Originals, 1800-1929, 4 inches. Transcripts, 1749, 1841, 5 pages.

Joseph J. Murphy joined the Ontario Department of Lands as a clerk about 1882, and retired in 1922 after rising to the position of Advisory Chief Clerk of the Sales and Free Grants Branch of the Department of Lands and Mines. Throughout his life he was involved in Roman Catholic charitable work, especially in the St. Vincent de Paul Society which he served as president in 1923-1924.

Presented to the Public Archives in 1936.

Correspondence of J.J. Murphy, 1878-1929.

Letters from various persons including Goldwin Smith, J.J. Curran and clerical officials dealing with church affairs, land disposition and place names.

Miscellaneous correspondence, 1800-1898.

Letters collected by J.J. Murphy, most of which concern church or land matters. Correspondents include Sir John Colborne, Sir John A. Macdonald, Alexander Mackenzie, Louis-Joseph Papineau, Jesse Ketchum and various Roman Catholic Bishops and Archbishops.

Notes on place names and local history, n.d.

Memoranda and notes, n.d., 1841-1923.

Memoranda, notes and copies of legislation on land matters, apparently created or used in the Ontario Department of Crown Lands and its successors.

Miscellaneous legal documents, n.d., 1801-1901.

Petitions, grants, receipts, warrants, passports, leases and other documents pertaining to church affairs, land disposition, and other matters.

The finding aid is a descriptive list of the items in the collection.

J.J. MURPHY PAPERS, Manuscript Group 29

File 1

Consists of a copy of this finding aid

File 2

1. Petition of Rt. Rev. Alexander McDonell, Roman Catholic Bishop and the Rt. Rev. Thomas Weld praying for a charter incorporating certain persons as trustees of the Roman Catholic Church in Upper Canada to receive lands for the construction of new churches and for the education of the children. These persons are: Hon. James Baby, Alexander McDonell, Peter McDougall and James FitzGibbon, dated 6 Feb. 1828.
2. Same document, copy of.
3. Letter. Rt. Rev. John Timon, 1st Bishop of Buffalo, dated 24 April 1851, to George Manly Muir regarding the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
4. Letter from the St. Vincent de Paul Society dated April 1851.
5. Note. From [Rt. Rev. Armand François Marie de Charbonnel], Bishop of Toronto, dated July 1851, regarding the Toronto Savings Bank.
6. Letter with newspaper clipping. From Rev. AE. McD. Dawson, dated 25 July 1863 concerning the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
7. Letter. From E. Gordon dated 28 Nov. 1866 to W.J. Macdonell (sic) regarding "Roman Loan Bonds".
8. Letter. From Very Rev. J.F. Jamot dated 13 March 1867 to W.J. Macdonell regarding the Roman Loan Bonds.
9. Letter. From W.J. Macdonell dated 12 March 1867 to Very Rev. J.M. Bruyère regarding the Roman Loan Bonds.
10. Letter. From Bruyère dated 16 March 1867 to W.J. Macdonell regarding a circular written by the Bishop of Boston in the New York Freeman. He suggests a short article for the Canadian Freeman. Mention of the Roman Bonds.
11. Letter. From C.A. Muldoon dated 18 Dec. 1868 to W.J. Macdonell, regarding the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
12. Poem in English, "Tout ou Rien", dated 1869.
13. Letter. From Rev. D.J. Macdonnell dated 29 Oct. 1877.
14. Letter. From Charlotte Elmsley dated 20 May 1878, to Murphy. Contribution to Father Vincent's purse.

15. Letter. From the Bishop of Ottawa, Rt. Rev. Joseph Thomas Duhamel dated 19 Dec. 1882 to Murphy. Sends a letter of introduction to the Archbishop of Toronto.

16. Two cheques dated 27 Feb. and 18 July 1885 from W.J. MacDonell to the Most Rev. J.J. Lynch.

17. Letter. From Rt. Rev. Armand François Marie de Charbonnel, dated [1 April 1887] in French regarding the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

File 3

1. Letter. From [Very Rev. C. Vincent] dated 26 Oct. 1887.

2. Letter. From Archbishop of Toronto dated 18 Dec. 1887, to Murphy requesting prayer books.

3. Letter. From the Bishop of Peterborough, the Rt. Rev. R.A. O'Connor dated 6 June 1889 to Father Brennan for hymnals.

4. Letter. From Rev. D.J. Macdonnell dated 25 Aug. 1890 to W.J. Macdonell thanking him for a photograph.

5. Letter. From the Most Rev. James Vincent Cleary, Archbishop of Kingston dated 12 April 1892 to Murphy. Burial ground on Ordnance St. in Kingston.

6. Letter. From --- Shipley dated 13 May 1893, Dorset England, regarding the copy of Carmina.

7. Letter. From the Most Rev. C. O'Brien, Archbishop of Halifax dated 29 Aug. 1893 to Dr. Bourinot regarding "Philosophy of the Bible Vindicated".

8. Letter. From Goldwin Smith dated 31 Oct. 1893 to Murphy enclosing cheque for \$100.00 for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

9. Letter. From J.J. Curran dated 9 November 1895 to Murphy.

10. Letter. From Goldwin Smith dated 7 Feb. 1896 to the Treasurer of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enclosing a contribution.

11. Letter. From J.J.M. Aboulin (sic) dated 30 Sept. 1899.

12. Letter. From Most Rev. C. O'Brien, Archbishop of Halifax dated 25 Nov. 1900 regarding Bishop Burke.

13. Receipt dated 1 Nov. 1903 for books purchased by Murphy from Peter Reilly.

14. Receipt dated 2 Dec. 1907 for "Catholic and American Review" purchased by Murphy from Martin I.J. Griffin.

15. Receipt dated Philadelphia 1909 for one copy of "Catholics and the American Revolution" purchased from Martin I. J. Griffin.

16. Letter. From Rt. Rev. D.J. Scollard dated 3 Sept. 1927 to Rev. V.G. Murphy. Grants permission to exercise his office in Killarney.
17. Note. From Most Rev. John Walsh, Archbishop of Toronto requesting collection.
18. Letter. From Rt. Rev. T. O'Mahoney, Bishop of Toronto, to Murphy, probable date, 1887.
19. Prospectus of Catholic College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass.

File 4

1. Letter. From John McGill dated 3 Oct. 1800 concerning the financial debt of Mr. Humbertson.
2. Plea. John Cameron vs Angus Macdonell, dated 12 Nov. 1801 and signed by A. Macdonell.
3. Letter. From Vittoria, 16 Oct. 1824, author unknown. Charges made by Col. Burwell, ex-member of the Assembly, against Gideon Tiffany.
4. Letter. From Sir John Colborne dated 8 July 1834 regarding Emigration Accounts.
5. Memo. William H. Draper. Legal opinion on the association of partners in a company.
6. Medical certificate from Dublin School of Medicine to one T. Esmond White, 27 April 1842, for proficiency in Anatomy.
7. Warrant for the arrest of Timothy Murphy, Bytown, 17 Sept. 1849, Bytown.
8. French Passport issued to Georges Rensch, 10 Nov. 1852.
9. French Passport issued to A. Loyer, 28 May 1855.
10. Deed between Grand Trunk Railway and London and Grand Trunk Junction Railway and C.S. Gzowski, D.L. Macpherson, L.H. Holton and A.T. Galt, 13 June 1857.
11. Printed Circular, Militia Dept., 2 Sept. 1865, signed by P.L MacDougall, Adjutant General.
12. Printed Military Pass for No. 7 Company, Battalion Camp of Military Instruction, issued to J.J. Murphy.
13. Letter. From Sir John A. Macdonald, dated 11 Feb. 1868 to William J. Macdonald, Esq. Toronto, regarding a matter for Mr. Campbell, Postmaster General.
14. Letter. From Sir John A. Macdonald, dated 19 October 1868 to Hon. Stephen Richards, introducing William J. Cooper, Land and General Agent at Toronto.

15. Letter. From J.S. Macdonald, dated 30 April 1870, Ottawa to Thomas H. Johnston.
16. Receipt. Signed by Abbé Léon Provancher, dated 23 janvier 1871. From W.H. Michel, a sum of money received for a subscription to, "Naturaliste Canadien".
17. Letter. From Hon. G.W. Allan, dated 3 Dec. 1877 regarding a poor family by the name of Prescott.
18. Letter. From Hon. Alexander Mackenzie dated 26 April 1882 to A. White, Esq., Toronto.
19. Letter, in French. From F.N. Blanchet, dated 30 Jan. 1882 to Rev. A. Campeau about the family of John McLoughlin, chief factor at the Hudson's Bay Company.

File 5

1. Letter. From J.D. Cayley dated 18 Nov. 1885. Mention of the House of Industry.
2. Letter. From J.A. Macdonell dated 16 Jan. 1889 regarding the first speaker of the first House of Assembly held at Newark.
3. Letter. From Louis J.A. Papineau dated 30 August 1895. Lack of any portraits of Hon. D.B. Papineau.
4. Letter. From Ignatius Donnelly dated 12 Oct. 1891 to John Britnell.
5. Portion of letter and printed enclosure. From J.A. Macdonell regarding "Sketches Illustrating the Early Settlement and History of Glengarry in Canada."
6. Letter. From J.J. Curran dated 13 Dec. 1892 to Murphy.
7. Letter. From W.R. Riddell dated 30 April 1915.
8. Bill No. 259, 1922. "An Act to Amend the Ontario Public Service Superannuation Act, 1920".
9. Letter. From Mrs. J.B. Simpson, dated 16 March 1926, regarding the Bytown Historical Museum.

File 6 "Crown Lands - Miscellaneous"

1. Notes on St. Joseph's Island
2. Notes on Fort at Toronto. From Despatches from Canada, April 1749.
3. Memo on Newcastle District.
4. Miscellaneous pencil or ink notes.

File 7

1. Power of Attorney, signed by Alexander Brown, 7 November 1823, nominating William Lyon Mackenzie, his attorney for obtaining deed to parcel of land in Coote's Paradise.
 2. Petition of John Mowat dated 6 Oct. 1825, for lot in Coote's Paradise.
 3. Letter. From Alexander Brown dated 7 Oct. 1825 to Andrew Mercer respecting a lot in Coote's Paradise.
 4. Letter. From John Mowat dated 9 April 1830 to William Lyon Mackenzie for location ticket. Enclosed is the location ticket dated 25 July 1829, to John Mowat for 100 acres of land in Georgiana Township, Home District.
 5. Receipt and bill for sum of money, William Clowes, 15 June 1833 for printing.
 6. Lease for house from John McIntosh to William Lyon Mackenzie, dated 26 March 1834.
 7. Deposition of Henry White dated Oct. 1834 before William Lyon Mackenzie, against Biddy Needham for stealing a silver spoon.
 8. Lease from Jesse Ketchum to William Lyon Mackenzie for house or store, Toronto, dated 29 April 1837.
 9. Letter. From J.H. Kilbon dated Northville, 13 May 1839 to William Lyon Mackenzie concerning his experiences with the patriot forces. Sends subscription to Gazette.
 10. Extract of letter. From M. Landry at St. Alban's Vermont, dated 31 Nov. 1838 to Mrs. Landry describing the suffering of the French-Canadians here.
- A draft of a letter from William Lyon Mackenzie to Rev. Mr. Carter formerly in the Murphy Papers is now located in the William Lyon Mackenzie Papers, M.G. 24, B18, vol. 1, pages 1-4.

File 8

1. Letter. From H.F. Gardiner dated 28 April 1898 to Murphy. About townships.
Letter. From H.F. Gardiner dated 11 May 1898 to Murphy. The naming townships in Ontario.
2. Letter. From H.F. Gardiner dated 11 May 1898 to C.C. James. The naming of townships in Ontario.
3. Letter. From George Johnson dated 21 March 1899 to Murphy. Naming of places in Ontario. Enclosed notes.
4. Notes on the County of Renfrew
5. Notes on townships in Ontario giving reasons for naming.

6. Note on the Bastard Family
7. Muskoka District. Notes on the naming of townships here.
8. Township of Caradoc: notes on.

File 9

1. Letter. From Archibald McNab, 3 March 1843, complaining of delay by Davidson and other settlers in making payment of installments on lands.
2. Circular. From T. Bouthillier dated 13 April 1846 to Andrew Geddes. Sale of Clergy Reserves in "the Western Section of the Province", suspended.
3. Circular. From T. Bouthillier dated 20 April 1846 to Andrew Geddes. Sale of certain Clergy Reserves.
4. Letter. From W. Robinson dated 12 Dec. 1854, to Hon. A. N. Morin forwarding letter and recommending the son of Sir James Hay.
5. Letter. From Hon. Alexander Mackenzie dated Sarnia, 16 Oct. 1865 to Thos. Hector. Patent for 4 park lots in Corunna Village to Mrs. Ellis.
6. Parchment. Blank lease form of the Province of Canada.
7. Note. From Sir John A. Macdonald dated 6 Feb. 1855, stating that "the draft of patent now ordinarily used for the grant of Crown Lands may properly be used in the grant of Clergy Reserve lands."
8. Circular. Dept. of Crown Lands, Quebec, Jan. 1863. Re intending purchasers of crown lands. Also bond from agent and Licence of Occupation.

File 10

1. Lease of 200 acres of Clergy Reserves in York County to John McLaney, 20 Nov. 1802.
2. Grant of land in Durham County, U.C. to Nathan Thompson 29 July 1824.
3. Grant of land in Durham County, U.C. to William Sander, 2 Feb. 1827.
4. Indenture of bargain and sale: Thos. J. Preston and wife to Richard Woodsworth, 4 April 1837.

File 11

1. Crown Lands. Copy of report of committee Dec. 21, 1841, re disposal of crown lands.
2. Clause of bill (23 Vic. Cap. 2) regarding Scrip.
3. Letter of Robert Mathieson to G.R. Lumsden. Claiming lands to which his father was entitled, 14 May, 1888.

4. Letter. Claim for land for which Lieut. William Tylor held certificate in 1825, 14 June 1888.
5. Memo. Patrick Dailey's claim, 16 Nov. 1888.
6. Extracts from letter of L. Vankoughnet, 3 Feb., 1892, respecting Sultana Island on the Indian Reserves covered by N.W. Angle Treaty.
7. Correspondence, March and April 1919, of Chief Justice F.R. Latchford, including one letter to Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, regarding lot no. 40, concession A, Ottawa Front, Nepean, (Government Acre).
8. Memo. "Legal Advice in Private Matters", by Beniah Bowman, Minister of Lands and Forests, dated 5 Nov., 1920.
9. Memo. For the Minister of Lands and Forests regarding a claim of the Chippewa and Mississauga Indian tribes for compensation for unsurrendered lands, 5 April, 1923. Copy of draft of agreement between Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario, April 1923. Includes 2 newsclippings.
10. Letter. From W.C. Cain dated 30 April, 1929 to Murphy, regarding the centennial dinner.
11. Letter. From Chester MacInnes dated 10 Feb. 1926 to Murphy, requesting an interview to discuss procedure of crown grants.
12. List of Commissioners of Crown Lands from union of provinces.

File 12

1. "Epitome of the Laws Relating to the Sale and Settlement of the Public Lands of Different States and the British Colonies."

File 13

1. Memo. for the Hon. Minister of Land and Mines. "Re the Inside Service of the Department", June 15, 1905.
2. Memo. Statement of the work performed by the Sales and Free Grant Branch of the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines, Ontario.
3. Memo. Clergy Reserves
4. Copy of Act (3 & 4 Vic. Cap. 78) and lists of acts respecting clergy reserves.
5. Ontario, detailed memorandum on its magnitude, climate, crown lands, etc., known as Memo for Mr. Grigg.
6. Draft of memo re free grants to members of Canadian enrolled pension force and police force.

File 14

Note Book containing: land policy in the Canadas, Upper and Lower, notes on Fort Frontenac, etc.