

William C. Smillie Papers, 1854-1901.

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William C. Smillie (1813-1908) was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. The family emigrated to Canada in 1821 and settled in Quebec. In 1827, Smillie moved to New York where he joined a firm of bank note engravers and lived there until 1856. From 1856 to 1866 he lived in Poughkeepsie, New York. He then went to Ottawa where he formed the British American Bank Note Company in association with George B. Burland and Brown Chamberlain of Burland, Lafricain and Company of Montreal. Contracts were obtained from the Government for the engraving and printing of postage and other stamps debentures and currency. Hitherto the plates had been engraved in New York and sent to Canada for printing. In 1871 the British American Bank Note Company moved to Montreal but in 1886 a condition of renewal of this contract with the Dominion Government was that they removed from Montreal to Ottawa. In 1874 Smillie retired from active participation in the business and returned to Poughkeepsie, selling out his interest several years later. However, in 1882 he organized the Canada Bank Note Engraving and Printing Company Limited of Toronto which in 1884 became associated with George E. Desbarats and Hermann Drechsel of Montreal. Smillie subsequently returned to Poughkeepsie where he died in 1908.

The Smillie Papers were presented to the Archives in 1959 by the Smillie family through Mr. J.N. Sissons of Toronto.

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| A. Letters received, 1871-1901. List. | 40 pages |
| B. Memoranda and Agreements, 1854-1896. List. | 45 pages |
| C. Memorandum book, 1864-1887 | 1/2 inch |

1. Time record with Continental Bank Note Company, 1864-1865.
2. List of library holdings of W.C. Smillie.
3. Abstract of capital account with Canada Bank Note Company, 1884-1887.
4. Memorandum of relations with Desbarats and Drechsel and formation of Canada Bank Note Company from 1882.
5. Bank Account, 1877-1878.

D. Scrapbook

1/2 inch

Biographical notes and newspaper clippings re family notices,
company prospectuses, circulars by British American Bank Note Company re
counterfeiting Canadian money, etc.

Smillie Papers

Letters received by W.C. Smillie, 1871-1880, 1899-1901.

40 pages.

<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Employees of the British American Bank Note Co., Ottawa	p. 1 6 May 1871	Presentation on departure for Montreal.
Burland, G.B. Pres., British American Bank Note Co., Montreal	pp. 2-9 12 Dec. 1879	Explains terms of mortgage to be taken over by Smillie. Discusses disposal of stock and his position in re-organized company.
Goodall, A.G. Pres., American Bank Note Co., New York	pp. 10-11 24 Jan. 1880	Refers to re-organization of British American Bank Note Co. and the expected out- come of failure to amalga- mate.
Burland, G.B.	pp. 12-16 9 March 1880	Demands details of proposed plan of amalgamation. Discusses criticism of his management and the expected re-location in Ottawa.
"	pp. 17-20 18 March 1880	Reiterates opposition to amalgamation. Financial arrangements with Mechanics' Bank. Situation re Labour and equipment.
"	pp. 21-24 10 April 1880	Discusses circular issued by the Dominion Bank Note Co. and proposed reply. Labour and equipment requirements.
Earle, Henry	pp. 25-26 28 May 1880	Explains his resignation due to Burland's attitude rather than Smillie's and to former's seizure of control. Discusses Govern- ment contract and proposed expansion and moving of facilities.

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Burland, G.B.	pp. 27-29 14 June 1880	Refers to amalgamation, and circular issued by Goodall and associates and proposed reply.
"	pp. 30-33 23 June 1880	Inc. Draft of proposed pledge to secrecy.
"	pp. 34-35 22 Nov. 1880	Refers to labour and equipment situation. Discusses activities of and proposed amalgamation with American Bank Note Co.
Farle, Henry	pp. 36-39 28 May 1899	Explains that no rights are conveyed by the transfer of shares.
"	p. 40 8 Jan. 1901	Announces winning of case "Farle vs Burland". Details of Court decision. Unlikelihood of appeal. Inc. Ode celebrating the court decision.
		Alludes to winning of appeal case. Possibility of appeal to Privy Council.

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Memoranda and Agreements, 1854, 1865-1867, 1891-1896.

45 pages.

1. Fragment biographical sketch of H. Smillie. p. 41 N.D.
2. Articles of partnership between Charles Toppan, William C. Smillie, and others, in engraving and printing business in Philadelphia and New York. pp. 42-44 1854
3. Memorandum of negotiations with Sir Etienne P. Taché, A.T. Galt and other officials re securing of government contracts and movement of equipment to Ottawa. pp. 45-48 1865-1866
4. Memorandum of agreement to merge under the name of British American Bank Note Co., between W.C. Smillie, G.B. Burland, Brown Chamberlain and others. pp. 49-50 1866
5. Copy of proposition submitted by Receiver-General for the engraving and printing of notes, debentures and stamps. pp. 51-53 1866
6. By-laws of British American Bank Note Co. pp. 54-61 1867
7. Report of the State of affairs of the Canadian Bank Note Company. pp. 62-66 1891
8. Draft of Memorandum - "The British American Bank Note Company. / Facts in its History. / By its Founder". pp. 67-74 1891??
9. Draft of Memorandum - "The British American Bank Note Company. / Facts in its History. / By its Originator". pp. 75-83 1896??
10. Memorandum re W.C. Smillie by his nephew, Harry Smillie. p. 84 1939