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General Note regarding White Papers:

There is little material on political matters such as election campaigns and little on White's activities as acting Prime Minister and nothing on his business activities or on personal matters.

The papers are in subject files containing correspondence, memos and notes and the subjects are arranged in alphabetical order.

MG 27 WHITE, Sir William Thomas (1866-1955). Cabinet Minister.
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D 18 Originals, 1911-1937. 17.5 cm. Finding Aid No. 540.

Born in Bronte, Ontario, William Thomas White was educated at University of Toronto and later at Osgoode Hall. In 1899 he was called to the Ontario bar. Until his election to Parliament, White served with a number of banks and insurance companies in an executive capacity.

White was appointed Minister of Finance 10 October 1911, a position he held until 1919. He was elected to the House of Commons for Leeds by acclamation in November 1911 and, re-elected in 1917. He resigned his government seat in April 1921 and returned to business as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Sir Thomas White's papers were presented to the Archives after his death in 1955 by the executors of the estate, through J.M. Macdonell, M.P. One item, a eulogy of Sir Robert Borden by Sir Thomas White was presented by Henry Borden in 1968.

The finding aid No. 540 is a list of subject files arranged alphabetically.

Subject files, 1911-1937. Originals, 17.5 cm (volumes 1-21), contain correspondence, memoranda and reports. Most extensive are files concerning banks (vols. 1-2), federal finances (vols. 2-7), railways (vols. 10-15), shipping (vols. 15-16), and trade (vols. 17-19). Also, congratulations on budget speeches and knighthood, 1914-1917, and correspondence regarding White's retirement from the cabinet in 1919 (vol. 20), papers concerning the Winnipeg strike, 1919, and despatches from Lord Balfour and Gen. Arthur Currie regarding the end of the First World War, September-November 1918 (vol. 21). One item, a eulogy of Sir Robert Borden by Sir Thomas White, dated 13 June 1937, is included in vol. 2.

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