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DEWDNEY, HON. EDGAR. 1835-1916.

Originals, 1877-99. 1 foot, 2 inches. Microfilm C-2161 to C-2162, and C-4595 to C-4596. Also copies of documents in the Glenbow-Alberta Institute Archives, microfilm reels: M-2815 to M-2817.

Hon. Edgar Dewdney (1835-1916) was a member of the British Columbia Assembly, 1869-1872, a Conservative Member of the House of Commons, 1872-79, and 1888-92, Indian Commissioner for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, 1879-1888, Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest Territories, 3 December 1881 to 3 July 1888, Minister of the Interior and Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, 1888-1892, and Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, 17 October 1892 - 30 November 1897. He died at Victoria, British Columbia on August 8, 1916.

The Dewdney Papers were presented in 1919 by Mrs. Dewdney, and were microfilmed in 1971. A microfilm copy of the Dewdney Papers held by the Glenbow-Alberta Institute Archives was obtained in 1974.

Northwest Rebellion, 1884-85. Originals, 1 foot (Volumes 1-7)

Correspondence arranged in alphabetical order. Consists chiefly of material relating to the Northwest Rebellion and constitutes a valuable source on the subject. As Lieutenant-Governor and Indian Commissioner, Dewdney was kept informed of the activities from 1884 which led to rebellion, and of military operations. He was instrumental in persuading most of the Indians to remain peaceful and was responsible for the custody of Riel until his execution.

Most of the letters are addressed to Dewdney but a notable exception is the correspondence of Louis Riel. (Volumes 5 & 6). This is in two parts:

Typewritten copies of English translations of letters to and from Riel; also reports of scouts and minutes of Riel's council. Items are numbered and were apparently compiled in connection with the trial of Riel.

A considerable number of drafts of letters and notes in Riel's handwriting. These were apparently written by Riel while he was in prison at Regina.

Riel Letters (fragments) (Volume 6A).

Fragments of Riel's writing microfilmed at random.

Department of the Interior and Indian Affairs, 1877-1899.

Originals, 2 inches. (Volume 8).

A number of files on subjects within the jurisdiction of Dewdney as Minister. These files contain correspondence, memoranda and reports on: Banff Park Development, 1877-92; Geological Surveys, 1888-92; Immigration, 1888-99; Indian Affairs, 1889; Topographical Surveys, 1891.

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Personal correspondence with C. R. Cowell regarding mining claims, 1898. Originals, 21 pages. (Volume 8).

Papers at the Glenbow-Alberta Institute Archives, including a detailed index, on microfilm (reels M-2815 to M-2817).

NOMINAL LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE

VOLUMES 1 - 7

Abbott, W. R., Maple Creek VOL. 1

Anderson, George, Grenfell

Anderson, J. M., Telegraph operator, Humbolt

Anderson, W., Indian Agent, Edmonton

André, Father A., Prince Albert

Antrobus, W. D., Fort McLeod

Applegarth, George E., Swift Current.

Arsenault, J. J., Secretary of Committee organizing Militia at Wapella
Fort Assiniboine, Montana, Officer Commanding

Bedson, J. L., Warden, Manitoba Penitentiary

Bedson, S. L., Qu'Appelle

Begg, Magnus, Indian Agent, Blackfoot Crossing

Bell, Major W. R., Qu'Appelle

Blouchard, Sidley, Qu'Appelle

Brandon, The Mayor of,-

Brock, J.A. & Co., photographers, Qu'Appelle

Brydges, F. H., a memorandum to Hon. John Carling

Bunting, C. W., Editor of the Mail and Empire, Toronto

Burbidge, George W., Deputy Minister of Justice

Burgess, A. M., Deputy Minister of the Interior

Butcher, Dr., Medicine Hat

Calgary Herald

Campbell, Barrister, Calgary

Campbell, Duncan J., McLeod

Carling, Hon. John, Minister of Agriculture

Carney, John, Regina

Nominal List of Correspondence.....

- Caron, Hon. A. P., Minister of Militia
- Carruthers, S., Chairman of the Municipality, Ft. Qu'Appelle
Champness
- Chapleau, Hon. J. A., Secretary of State
- Chapleau, S. E., Sheriff of Regina
- Clark, Laurence, Prince Albert
- Clark, S., Qu'Appelle
- Cotton, Captain, Command of Battery, Qu'Appelle
- Cotton, John, Superintendent, N.W.M.P., Calgary
- Couture, L., Indian Agent, Touchwood Hills
- Crozier, Major L. W. F., Superintendent, N.W.M.P., Battleford
- Cyril, Mrs. H., Moosomin

- The Daily Leader, Regina
- Davin, N. F., Ottawa
- Dawson, John, Druggist, Regina
- Deane, R. Burton, Superintendent and Adjutant, N.W.M.P., Regina
- Dennis, Col. J. S., Commanding D.L.S. Corps, Qu'Appelle
- Denny, C. E.
- Dodd, Dr. Henry
- Dowling, Major T., Inspector and J. P., Calgary
- Down, T. C., Regina
- Egan, J. M., General Superintendent, C.P.R., Winnipeg
- Edmonton, Bulletin
- Edwards, O.C., Indian Head
- Elliot, Dr. George, Grenfell

Fish, W., Saskatchewan Landing
Fisher, Alexander, on behalf of half breeds of the Qu'Appelle Valley
Forget, A. E., Council Office, Regina
Fowler, W. C., C.P.R. Agent, Regina
Fyfe, Sergeant, N.W.M.P., Moose Jaw
Gagnon, Supt. S., N.W.M.P., Prince Albert
Galt, E. T.
Grandin, Rt. Rev. V.J.
Griesbach, A. H., Inspector, Edmonton
Guernsey, George F., Constable, N.W.M.P., Humbolt
Hardisty, M., Calgary
Harris, James, Ottawa
Heneson, J. S., Calgary
Herchmer, Laurence, Inspector of Indian Agencies, N.W.T.
Herchmer, Col. W., Calgary and Swift Current
Higgins, D., Victoria, B.C.
Hossard, H., Justice of the Peace, Clare, P.O.
Howard, Captain Thomas, Winnipeg
Irvine, Col. A. G., Commissioner, N.W.M.P., Regina

Jackson, T. W., Fort Qu'Appelle
Jackson, Lt. Col. W. H., Winnipeg
Jukes, Dr. A., Senior Surgeon, N.W.M.P., Regina
Keith, Hilton, Indian Reserve Broadview
Kelly, J., Qu'Appelle
Lacombe, Rev. Father, Principal, St. Joseph's Industrial School,
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Langevin, Sir Hector, Minister of Public Works

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Laurie, Major General F.W., Commanding Base and Lines of Communication

Leach, R. E. A., Fort Qu'Appelle

Leason and Scott, Fort Qu'Appelle

Légaré, Jean Louis, Wood Mountain

Lewis, C.F., Telegraph Operator, Pensé

L'Heureux, J., Interpreter, Blackfoot Reserve

Lyons, L. G., J.P., Whitewood

McAra, Peter, Longlaketon

MacCarthy, Lt. J.A., Mess Secretary, Medicine Hat

McDonald, A., Indian Agent, Indian Head and Fort Qu'Appelle

MacDonald, Archibald, Hudson Bay Co., Fort Qu'Appelle

Macdonald, Sir John A., Prime Minister

VOL. 4

McDonald, J. S., Telegraph Operator, Clark's Crossing

McDonald, R. C., Swift Current

MacDonnell, A. R., Inspector of Crown Lands

McDougal, H. A. J., Fort Qu'Appelle

McDougall, James, Edmonton

McDougall, Rev. John, Calgary

MacDowall, D. H., Prince Albert

McGirr, P., Regina

McGirr, W., Qu'Appelle

McHugh, J. J., Moosomin

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McLeod, Post Office Inspector, Winnipeg

MacLeod, James F., MacLeod

McLeod, W., Corporal in charge, Fort Qu'Appelle

MacPherson, Sir D.L., Minister of the Interior

Macrae, J. A., Indian Agent, Battleford

Marshallsey, C., J.P., Whitewood

Lord Melgund, Military Secretary to the Governor General

Middleton, Major General F., Commander of the Militia, N.W.T.

Mitchell, Hillyard, Prince Albert

Mitchell, W. J., Druggist, Winnipeg

Molloy, R. J., Clark's Crossing

Morgan, Henry J., Chief Clerk, Dept. of Secretary of State

Morris, Hon. Alexander, Toronto, from George Simpson, Edmonton

Morris, W. S., Battleford

Murdoch, George, Mayor, Calgary

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Nelson, J. C.

O'Brien, Col. W. G., Commanding at Fort Qu'Appelle

Oswald, Lt.-Col., Commanding Montreal Garrison Artillery

Otter, Col. W. D., Battleford

Quimet, Col. J. A., Commanding 65th Battalion, Edmonton

Patterson, D., Sergeant, N.W.M.P., Swift Current

Pelly, Fred W., Qu'Appelle Station

Perley, W. D., Wolsely

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Pocklington, W., Fort McLeod

Pope, Hon. J. H., Minister of Agriculture

Rae, J. M., Indian Agent, Prince Albert

Redmond, Dr. Wm., Moosomin

Reed, Hayter, Assistant Indian Commissioner

Reed, J. Lestock, Port Hope, Ontario

Richardson, Colonel Hugh, Medicine Hat

Riddell, Wm., Pensé

Riel, Louis

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Rodick, Dr. S. G., Deputy Surgeon General

Ross, James H., Moose Jaw

Rouleau, Chas. B., Judge, Battleford

Sampson, Indian

Saskatchewan, Bishop of: Rt. Rev. John McLean (See also vol. 4)

Saving, A. A., Moosomin

Scarth, W. B., Winnipeg

Scollen, Father C., R.C. Mission, Bears Hill Reserve, Battle River

Scott, D. L., Mayor, Regina

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Sherwood, W.

Shields, C., Medicine Hat

Sibbald and Lindsay, General Commission Merchants, Regina

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Field Force

Smith, Major Henry R., Assistant Adjutant General,
N.W. Field Force, Battléford

Smith, Robert Russel, Fort Qu'Appelle

Smith, T., Regina Leader

Steele, S. B., Inspector, Calgary

Stewart, John, Major

Stonies, Indians

Strange, J. B., Major General, Commanding Alberta District

Swinford, H., Captain, Commissioner N.W. Forces, Qu'Appelle

Taché, Archbishop, St. Boniface

Troyer, C., J.P., Alameda

Tucker, Constable R. E., in charge Swift Current

Tuies, F. F., Swift Current

Turriff, John G., Qu'Appelle Station

Tweed, T., Medicine Hat

Vankoughnet, L., Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs

Wadsworth, D. B., Brandon

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Walker, James, Calgary

Walsh, Major J.

Warner, E. W., Qu'Appelle

Wastie, Captain, Brandon

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Wiley, Station Agent, Moose Jaw

Willoughby, Dr. J. H. C., Saskatoon

Wright, Alonzo, Ottawa

Wrigley, W., Hudson Bay Co., Winnipeg

Young, Captain George W.

Young, W. H., Acting Brigade Major, Pensé

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These papers consist of general and personal correspondence of Dewdney's early career in British Columbia; as Lieutenant Governor and Indian Commissioner of the North-West Territories, 1879-88; as Minister of the Interior, 1888-92; and as Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, 1892-97.

The originals of this collection of Edgar Dewdney papers covering the years, 1861-1926, are in the Glenbow-Alberta Institute Archives. Researchers are requested to acknowledge this source in any reference involving the papers. If extensive use for publication is planned please contact Glenbow-Alberta Institute Archives for permission.

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