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BELFORD, Charles (1837-1880). Journalist and Publisher.

Originals, 1825-1895. 5 cm. Finding Aid No. 1347.

Born in Cork, Ireland, Charles Belford came to Canada in 1857, settling in Toronto and marrying Jennie Thomas in 1864. He joined his great-uncle James Beaty's paper the Leader, where he was editor-in-chief from 1867 until 1871. The following year he was appointed chief editor of the Mail and in 1876 he co-founded the publishing firm of Belford Brothers, which published a journal of literature and art, Belford's Monthly Magazine, as well as British and American reprints. He resigned from the Mail and Belford Brothers in 1878 due to ill-health. In 1879 he was appointed secretary to the Dominion Board of Appraisers and moved to Ottawa, but he died the next year. Belford was corresponding secretary of the Ontario Literary Society 1860-1861.

Presented in 1979 by C.H. Belford, Kanata, Ont.

The finding aid No. 1347 is a descriptive list of the papers.

General Correspondence and Memoranda, 1825-1895. 2.5 cm.

Correspondence on political subjects from Canadian politicians, including Sir John A. Macdonald, Charles Tupper, Wilfrid Laurier, and Thomas D'Arcy McGee; also, correspondence from authors and journalists on various subjects and correspondence relating to family matters.

Ontario Literary Society, 1859-1861. 2.5 cm.

Correspondence from professional lecturers, including prominent literary, political and religious figures from the United States, Britain and Canada, invited to address the Ontario Literary Society; among the correspondents are Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and Charles Dickens.

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AND MEMORANDA

date	correspondence	subjects	
5 Sept. 1825 War Office	Palmerston to Sir P. Maitland	Major Leonard's claim	1 p.
4 Dec. 1844 Ireland	J.H. Fitzgerald	Belford's police duties	3 pp
10 Sept. 1856 Valencia	E. Wandiford (Church of Eng. rector)	testimonial	3 pp
11 Sept. 1856 Valencia	Knight of Kerry	testimonial	2 pp
16 Sept. 1856 Valencia	Thomas Bentley (Doctor)	testimonial	3 pp
18 Sept. 1856 County of Kerry	James (Wockshaw) (Constabulary officer)	testimonial	1 p.
29 Feb. 1860 Gloucester	George Williams to Mrs. Lewis Thomas, (Canada)	family	4 pp
7 Sept. 1860 Valencia	Knight of Kerry	news of Ireland	4 pp
11 Feb. 1862 Gloucester	George Williams to Mr. Goodman, (Canada)	family	4 pp
30 July 1862 London	illegible	Valencia; United States	4 pp
3 Sept. 1863 Quebec	Thomas D'Arcy McGee (Can. journalist and politician)	dispute with the <u>Globe</u>	1 p.
28 Nov. 1864 Toronto	William Kingsford(Can. historian)	sending parcel to Mrs. Belford	2 pp

date	correspondent	subjects	
29 Nov. 1864 Toronto	James McCarroll (Can poet and journalist)	poem addressed to Mr. and Mrs Charles Belford on their marriage	1 p.
3 May 1865 Toronto	William Kingsford	misunderstanding; publication of his book; Miss Hilary	3 pp
25 Sept. 1865 (London)	Isabella Blackburn	death of Belford's father; Valencia; transatlantic cable; family	4 pp
29 Mar. 1869	David Lewis Macpherson (Can. politician)	Holton's Amendment; politics; banking; Sir John A.; Sir John Rose	4 pp
19 June 1871	John A. Macdonald (Can. Prime Minister)	Concerning the Treaty of Washington and the reaction of the <u>Globe</u> ; comments on the Grits starting a year too early with the result that their efforts will have been spent, referring presumably to next year's election	2 pp
16 Oct. 1871	John A. Macdonald	Expressing regret Belford has left the <u>Leader</u> but pleased that Belford and Gregg will be working together; under- stands importance of having another newspaper favourable to the gov't; would like to see <u>Telegraph</u> and <u>Leader</u> , which profess to support the gov't, joined and in "unmistakenly loyal hands" but isn't sure if it is possible; doesn't think Beatty, owner of the <u>Leader</u> , would agree	3 pp

date	correspondent	subjects	
7 May 1874 Ipswich	Thomas C. Patteson (Can. journalist and civil servant)	the <u>Mail</u> ; holiday in Eng; horses; Toronto	4 pp
6 May 1877 Italy	Marie Louise de la Ramée (Ouida) (Eng. novelist)	a proposal involving the publication of her work	3 pp
10 Oct. 1878	D.L. Macpherson	Belford's ill - health, U.C. Club; Sir Alexander Campbell	4 pp
6 Dec. 1878	Charles Tupper (Can. Prime Minister)	Assuring Belford work will be found for him as soon as he is fit	1 p.
23 Apr. 1879 Cannes	Knight of Kerry	ill-health; family; mutual Irish friends	4 pp
8 Feb. 1879 Ottawa	Charles Tupper	concerning employment for Belford	2 pp
2 Oct. 1879	John A. Macdonald	Concerning employment for Belford; Macdonald has not had a chance to suggest his name to his colleagues; Belford's health has improved; thanks Belford for letters to the Irish Canadians; not sure if Ass't Librarianship is vacant but will find Belford something in Public Service	2 pp
23 Jan. 1880	John A. Macdonald	Concerning Cote's office; work is hard and constant and wouldn't have suited Belford; Tupper said it would have killed Belford; soon there will be a chance of increasing Belford's salary	1 p
26 Nov. 1895	Wilfrid Laurier (Can. Prime Minister)	Enclosing money order in payment of account	1 p

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30 Nov. 1895	Secretary to Mackenzie Bowell	payment for <u>The Military Career of Napoleon</u>	1 p
n.d. Moss Park	G.W. Allan	concert committee arrangements	2 pp
n.d. Germany	Alexander Blackburn	transatlantic cable; Am. civil war; Valencia	4 pp
n.d. London	I. Blackburn	Belford's trip to England	3 pp
n.d. Quebec	M. Fitzgerald	Valencia; Belford's trip to England	4 pp
n.d.		clipping relating to the maple leaf (and transcript)	2 pp

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE
ONTARIO LITERARY SOCIETY

correspondent	date	subjects	
Banks, Nathaniel P. (Am. army officer)	11 Feb. 1861 Chicago	arrangements	1 p.
Beecher, Mrs. H.W. (for Henry Ward Beecher, American clergyman)	12 Mar. 1859 Brooklyn	regrets	1 p.
Blackwell, Antoinette Brown	12 Nov. 1860 New York	arrangements	1 p.
Cameron, J. Hillyard (Can. lawyer and politician)	22 Nov. 1860 Toronto	regrets re annual festival	1 p.
Chambers, R.	27 Oct. 1860 Toronto	regrets	2 pp
Chapin, Mrs. E.H. (for E.H. Chapin)	24 Aug. 1859 Pigeon Cove	arrangements	1 p.
	29 Nov. 1859 New York	arrangements	1 p.
	24 Aug. 1860 Pigeon Cove	arrangements	1 p.
Chapin, E.H. (Am. clergyman)	19 Dec. 1859 New York	arrangements	2 pp
	31 Oct. 1860 New York	arrangements	4 pp
Cronym, Bishop	20 July 1860 London	regrets	2 pp
Curtis, George William (Am. man of letters)	1 Sept. 1860 New York	arrangements	1 p.
	13 Nov. 1860 Albany	arrangements	1 p.

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Dickens, Charles (Eng. author)	7 Sept. 1859 Kent	regrets; denying "about to visit America"	1 p.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo (Am. essayist and poet)	25 Aug. 1859 Concord, Mass.	arrangements	2 pp
Giddings, Joshua Reed (Am. legislator)	1 Oct. 1860 Jefferson, Ohio	arrangements	1 p.
	10 Oct. 1860 Jefferson, Ohio	arrangements	1 p.
Giles, Henry	2 Dec. 1860 Montreal	arrangements	3 pp
Greeley, Horace (Am. journalist and political leader)	10 Oct. 1859 New York	arrangements	1 p.
Holmes, C.D.	22 Dec. 1859 London, U.C.	London Mercantile Library Association and Mechanics Institute	1 p.
Holmes, Oliver Wendell (Am. man of letters)	29 Sept. 1859 Boston	regrets	2 pp
King, Thomas Starr (Am. clergyman)	8 March 1860 Boston	regrets	1 p.
Lippincott, Grace Greenwood	26 Nov. 1860 Philadelphia	arrangements	3 pp
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth (Am. poet)	27 Sept. 1859 Cambridge	regrets	2 pp
McCaul, John (Can. educationist)	26 Feb. 1861 University College Toronto	regrets	1 p.

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McGee, Thomas D'Arcy (Can. journalist and politician)	14 Dec. 1860 Montreal	arrangements	1 p.
	24 Dec. 1860 Montreal	arrangements	1 p.
McMaster, William (financier)	17 Dec. 1860 Bradford	Bradford Literary Club; Thomas d'Arcy McGee	2 pp
Milburn, W. H.	3 Nov. 1859 Brooklyn	arrangements	1 p.
Montreal, Bishop of	27 Feb. 1860 Montreal	regrets	2 pp
Phillips, Wendell (Am. abolitionist)	15 July 1860 Boston	arrangements	1 p.
Saxe, John Godfrey (Am. poet)	6 Feb. 1859 Burlington, Vt.	arrangements	1 p.
	30 Dec. 1859 New York	arrangements	1 p.
Sumner, Charles (Am. statesman)	31 July 1860 Boston	regrets	2 pp
Taylor, Bayard (Am. writer)	28 Mar. 1859 Poultney, Vt.	arrangements	1 p.
Wilson, Daniel (Can. educationist)	19 July 1860 Toronto	regrets	1 p.