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GEORGE, William Kerr (b. 1861). Businessman.

Originals, n.d., 1837-1930. 30 cm. Finding Aid No. 1185.

William Kerr George was born in Kingston, Ontario in 1861. The son of Rev. James George, D.D., he received his education in Kingston, at Galt Collegiate Institute and at the University of Toronto.

He was President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association from 1904 to 1905; the Canadian National Exhibition Association from 1906 to 1908; the Toronto Reform Association from 1908-1911, and was a Governor of the University of Toronto. A Liberal, he opposed reciprocity in 1911 and actively supported the Conservatives. He was a Commissioner for Ontario in the Boy Scout Movement and was also Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Presented in 1979 by Mrs. Patricia E. Rothschild of Ottawa.

Finding Aid No. 1185 is a list of file titles. It also lists important correspondents.

Correspondence, 1904-1930. 3 cm (volume 1).

One file contains significant correspondence relating to the General Election of 1911 and the fight against reciprocity. Another consists of correspondence relating to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and Imperial Trade.

Other correspondence deals with the Canadian National Exhibition, the Canadian Northern Railway and the Boy Scouts' Association.

Biographical Material, n.d., 1837, 1863, 1873, 1876. 3.5 cm (volume 1).

Manuscript of recollections of the Kerr Family and biographical material on Rev. James George, D.D.

Published material, n.d., 1900-1914. 23.5 cm (volumes 1-2).

Includes newspaper clippings, scrapbooks and "On The Go"; a newspaper published during the 1905 trip of the Canadian Manufacturers Association to Great Britain.

Vol.	File	Subject	Dates
1	1	Biography: Kerr Family - a hand written copy by Sarah Kerr called "Early Recollections".	n.d.
	2	Boy Scouts Association: Correspondence by E. O'Callaghan, Charles Mitchell, Lord Willingdon.	1925, 1929
	3	Canadian National Exhibition Correspondence by Earl Grey, W.K. George, A.E. Belcher.	1907, 1911, 1912
	4	Canadian Northern Railway Company: Correspondence by Francis Cochrane.	1916
	5	Climate in Canada: Chart and pamphlets.	n.d., 1898, 1903
	6	General Election 1911: Telegrams & Correspondence by Joseph Chamberlain, Geo. E. Drummond, A. Mosely, R.L. Borden, Arthur Pearson, M.G. Weichel, Clifford Sifton, George H. Perley, W. MacLean, F. Fotheringham.	1911
	7	George, Rev. James, D.D.: Memorial of Rev. George (Printed), Sermons & newspaper clipping.	n.d., 1837, 1897
	8	Invitations & Seating Plans.	n.d., 1905, 1919
	9	Personal correspondence & school certificate.	n.d., 1877, 1916, 1921
	10	Speech: University of Toronto.	n.d.

Vol.	File	Subject	Date
1	11	Trade: Imperial Preferential Trade & Canadian Manufacturers' Association; correspondence & pamphlet by W.K. George, J.A. Kirchhoffer, Robert Reford, Lord Strathcona, Frank Oliver, Wilfrid Laurier, W.B. Partridge, J.F.M. Stewart, T.A. Russell, J.G. McCall, G. Howard Ferguson.	1904, 1905, 1930
	12	Trip to England: Certificates & correspondence.	1915, 1916
	13	News clippings: George, William Kerr. (about his life and career)	n.d., 1903, 1904, 1905
	14	Publications: "On The Go" (Ship newspaper en route to Britain)	June 1905
	15	Scrapbook: Newspaper clippings re Canadian National Exhibition.	1905
	16	Scrapbook: Newspaper clippings re Canadian Manufacturers Association in England.	1905
2	1	Scrapbook: Newspaper clippings re Canadian Manufacturers Association in England.	1905
	2	Scrapbook: Newspaper clippings re Trade.	1900, 1902-1906, 1914