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## INTRODUCTION

### Notes on the Arrangement of the Collection

This collection comprises six volumes of the John Arthur Roebuck papers, the first five of which were received by the Public Archives in 1928. The same year, a Catalogue of the papers was published as Appendix A to the Public Archives Report (pp. 19-28), incorporating some descriptive comments and excerpts from the original letters.

As prepared in 1976, Finding Aid 983 provided a conversion list to correlate the old portfolio numbers with the new arrangement of the papers into six volumes, the last volume containing papers received since 1928.

As revised in 1985, Finding Aid 983 incorporates the published Catalogue within an expanded listing of the papers. Researchers should note that the former portfolio numbers in Roman numerals have been changed to Arabic numbers throughout. In addition, former portfolio XXIII has been divided into five files (that is, Volume 5, files 24 to 28), and the supplementary papers forming Volume 6 have been divided into two files (now, Volume 6, files 29 and 30). The contents of each of the 30 files are listed in this Finding Aid.

Researchers should note that file 22, catalogued as containing 25 items, was found not to contain item 14 (letter dated May 1844 from Chauveau to Roebuck) whereas it does contain a letter not previously catalogued, (letter dated 24 December 1838 from John G. Parker to Joseph Hume, postmarked Liverpool). The

latter correspondence has been given the number 2-a so as not to disrupt the original numbering of the 25 items, and also to conform to the chronological arrangement. However, because of this additional letter found in the collection and the omission of a letter, pagination within file 22 has been corrected to run consecutively. Files in volumes 3, 5 and 6 have only partial pagination.

Items transferred to the Picture Division and the National Photography Collection are also listed.

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ROEBUCK, John Arthur (1802-1879). Statesman and author.

Originals, 1831-1885. 55 cm. Finding Aid No. 983.

John Arthur Roebuck (1802-1879) P.C., Q.C., M.P. was a British politician and lawyer. Between 1815 and 1824 he lived near York, Upper Canada. Roebuck acted as agent in England for the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, 1835-1837, during the dispute between the House of Assembly and the Executive Council. In 1838 he appeared before the bar of the House of Commons and the House of Lords in opposition to Lord Russell's Canada Bill. He sat in the British House of Commons as M.P. for the City of Bath from 1832-1837 and 1841-1847 and subsequently for the Borough of Sheffield, from 1849-1868 and 1874-1879. He was the author of several works, including Pamphlets for the People, Colonies of England and History of the Whig Ministry of 1830.

Collected by Mr. L. Kashnor of London, England and received by the Public Archives in 1928, courtesy of Dr. Arthur Doughty.

Finding Aid No. 983 consists of a descriptive list based on the text originally published as Appendix A to the Public Archives Report, 1928, pages 19-28.

Papers -- including correspondence, notebooks, journals and printed material -- demonstrating J.A. Roebuck's interest in Canadian affairs both from 1834 to 1836, when he was agent for the Assembly of Lower Canada, and during the period after the Rebellion when he worked for the release of the political prisoners sentenced to transportation. The correspondence includes letters from Louis-Joseph Papineau (1835-1845), Thomas Spring Rice, and others. Drafts of writings on colonial questions are included but are frequently incomplete. Also included are manuscripts of Mrs. Henrietta (Falconer) Roebuck relating to Canada with diary notes and extracts from Roebuck's speeches (volumes 1-6).

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DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF THE JOHN ARTHUR ROEBUCK PAPERS  
based on the text published in the  
Public Archives of Canada REPORT  
for 1928, as Appendix A.

DATES	DESCRIPTION	VOL.	FILE	PAGES
n.d.	Manuscript, "The Discovery of America".	1	1	12 pp.
n.d.	Manuscript, "Political & Historical Account of Lower Canada".	1	2	1 - 63
1849	Manuscript, "Colonies of England"; <u>Literary Gazette</u> notice.	1	3	1 - 304
1831	Manuscript, Review of (Joseph) Bouchette's Canada.	1	4	1 - 18
1835-1845	Letters from L.-J. Papineau to J. A. Roebuck.	1	5	1 -195
A detailed description of these letters follows:				
16th Jan., 1835 Montreal (15 pp.)	Disappointment at policy of Spring Rice. Evil state of colony owing to extensive patronage system under Colonial Office. Advantages of Free Trade over Colonial system of tariff regulation. Reasons for recall of Viger and invitation to Roebuck to act as Provincial Agent. Projected duel between Aylmer and James Stuart. Annoyance at change in date of convoking Assembly. Secrecy of proceedings before 1834 House of Commons Committee. Speculation as to results in England of the fall of the Melbourne Ministry. Transmits a petition (.) signed by four Legislative Councillors with reasons for paucity of signatures.	1	5	1 - 16
25th March, 1835 Montreal (See interesting note on the back of the last page.) (18 pp.)	Party strength in new Assembly. Complaints of system under which Lower Canada is governed. Views on Aylmer's use of money from military chest, with doubts as to whether he had authority. Continued determination not to grant supplies unless Assembly has control of all expenses. Relations between Assembly and Council; Jury Bill. Possibility of looking to U.S.A. for assistance. Partiality and inaccuracy of English press in Canada. Desires to see Canadian institutions assimilated to those of U.S.A. Relations between Assembly and Legislative Council; four bills out of five have been rejected; difficulties in obtaining passage of Bill to supply felons with an advocate; Lord Aylmer's action and its possible consequences.	1	5	17 - 32

DATES	DESCRIPTION	VOL.	FILE	PAGES
25th March 1835 Montreal (3 pp.)	Informs Roebuck of his appointment as Provincial Agent, and transmits addresses for presentation to Parliament.	1	5	33 - 36
23rd Dec. Nov. 1835. Québec (6 pp.)	Policy of obstinate opposition to Administration may be modified owing to arrival of Gosford; Papineau inclined to think that supplies may be granted in view of Gosford's liberal declarations. Views on Greg, Gipps and status of Commission. Reported statement by Gipps to W. L. Mackenzie.  Conversation between Gipps and Papineau; Commission will suggest revenue control by Assembly in return for civil list; Papineau insists on Elective Council; Gipps says there is no chance of change in act of 1791, he suggests establishment of special tribunal to try corrupt officials; Papineau objects that this would remove one of his reasons for demanding an elective council.	1	5	37 - 42
14th March 1836 Québec (21 pp.)	Transmits addresses of the Assembly on the state of the Province. Government must choose between granting full constitutional rights to Canada and governing by methods of the Czar in Poland. Observations on the case of Mr. Gale.	1	5	43 - 46
13th March 1836 Quebec (39 pp.)	Authorizes Roebuck to use a letter of Consul Buchanan's in order to obtain reforms. Americans covet Canada. Colonial office ignorance of local conditions. Mackenzie's revelations as to Buchanan. Views on Gosford's social conduct. Gosford's political conduct; suppression and misrepresentation of his instructions. Complaints of intrigues against himself on the part of the Commission. Attempt of Constitutionals to obtain a temporary majority in order to avoid a call of the House.  Conversation with Sir Geo. Gipps, who says that financial report of Commission is favourable to Assembly and counsels moderation. Papineau's intransigent reply.  Interview with Lord Gosford who expresses surprise at what Gipps had said to Papineau; H. E's conciliatory views; Sir Chas	1	5	47 - 86

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Gray's alleged plan of campaign; Gosford's opinion of Gray, "Sir Charles embarrasses us; he talks too much"; discussion of Carabiniers; Papineau charges Commission with divided views, denied by Gosford.

[Further interview with H. E. who warns Papineau of alleged conspiracy to murder him. (This is an interpolation in the account of the interview above.)]

Papineau's constitutional ideas expressed to Lord Gosford; illegal expenditures of administration; question of establishment of new parishes; impossibility of continuance of present system of government.

Gosford's indisposition attributed to strain of this long interview; denied by H. E.

Sir F. B. Head's publication of Glenelg's instructions. Visit from Mr. Elliot to explain Gosford's attitude; he informs Papineau that Sir Charles Gray was appointed to Commission on Hume's nomination. Discussion of Sir Charles Gray.

Views on new Legislative Council; their financial policy and action with regard to the schools.

Bedard's elevation to the Bench. Land Company, and case of Colonel MacDougall. Hudson Bay monopoly.

Extract of letter from Hume to Mackenzie (5 Dec. '35).

Fears lest Sir George Gipps' influence detach Sir F. Head from Canadian cause.

Morin's proposal to amend provisions of 31 Geo. III c31 as to Legislative Council; his difficulties; Roebuck may deal with Bill as if it had passed the Assembly.

Transmits copies of unamended bills.

9th May 1836  
Montreal  
(14 pp.)

Complains of Gosford's support of Council. Action of local people to minimise evil effects of the loss of the Schools Bill. Asks Roebuck to obtain publication of Commission's despatches, and 'o see that Revenue Act of 1831 is not repealed.

Exposition of his constitutional theories. Opinion of Ellice, McGillivray, Bell, Davidson. Views on cession of Montreal to Upper Canada.

Case of Mr. Felton. Views on Constitutional Convention and choice of Mr. Porteous as delegate. Trade relations with U.S.A. and views on Canadian emigration to New York.

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DATES	DESCRIPTION	VOL.	FILE	PAGES
22nd Oct. 1838 Montreal (11 pp.)	<p>Commission still in Quebec although now recognised by both parties as useless. Further session on dissolution?</p> <p>Effects on U.S.A. of dissension in Lower Canada. Views of Consul Buchanan on Commission, and his plan for an inquest before a special committee House of Commons, who would hear twelve elected delegates from Canada, six from majority, six from minority. Objections to this proposal.</p> <p>Attacks private characters of minority leaders and of members of the Commission. Sir F. B. Head's conduct in Upper Canada.</p> <p>Case of Mr. Chisholm. Glenelg's intention to put into King's hands nominations for places worth £200 a year.</p> <p>Mr. Borrough's pamphlet; his character and appointment as Recorder at Quebec. Irregular conduct of judges in the case of La Salle Seigneurie.</p> <p>Views on Ireland, Poor Laws, Education.</p>	1	5	103-114
17th May 1838 Philadelphia (10 pp.)	<p>Prevention of attempts at invasion on the part of refugees in the U.S.A.; American government determined to conserve peace. Denies that he had armed resistance in view. Life in Philadelphia as M. Louis. Hopes with regard to Lord Durham; abolition of sinecures, political and judicial reforms outlined; educational projects, waterways.</p> <p>Views on events in Upper Canada; on emigration to U.S.A. Narrow escape of England from war with U.S.A. Views on possibility of servile war in U.S.A.</p>	1	5	115-124
23th Sept. 1838 Saratoga Springs (16 pp.)	<p>Invective against English system of government, and of Lord Durham's commission.</p> <p>Reported conversation of Charles Buller; absolves Papineau from charge of having started the rebellion; his views on situation in L. Canada; length of Papineau's exile due to intrigues of his political enemies; Papineau's conduct during and after the rebellion.</p> <p>Work of secret societies in America; fears possibility of attempts against Upper Canada. Invitation from French ambassador to go to France and interest French press in Canada.</p>	1	5	125-140

DATES	DESCRIPTION	VOL.	FILE	PAGES
10th Nov. 1838 Albany (8 pp.)	Attacks Lord Durham. Reported conversation between Bishop of Quebec and Lord Durham. Note on Judge Reid. Frontier incidents and Colborne's military plans for winter. Situation of Bermuda exiles. Reports of R. Neilson's actions. Lord Durham reported to be asking Ministry to declare war on U.S.A. Remarks on non-complicity of Viger and others in insurrection. General condemnation of Durham.	1	5	141-148
13th March 1839 Paris (3 pp.)	Comments on duel between Roebuck and Powerscourt. Plan to ask Congress for territory for refugees. General political considerations.	1	5	149-152
25 March 1839 Paris (3 pp.)	Repeats substance of last letter. Comments on Edward Ellice A propos of primitive measures taken by English in Lower Canada.	1	5	153-156
12 April 1839 Paris (3 pp.)	Conversation with Leader on Canadian affairs and with reference to a possible meeting with Lord Brougham. Asks Roebuck to make efforts on behalf of prisoners in Upper Canada. Considers war between U.S.A. and England very probable; his plans in such an event.	1	5	157-160
1st May 1839 Paris (3 pp.)	Engaged in writing on Canadian questions for French press. Asks for Roebuck's opinion on ministerial plans for Canada.	1	5	161-164
26th July 1839 (3 pp.)	Views on iniquity of English government. Intention to send for his family, his son's visit to England.	1	5	165-168
11th Oct. 1839 Paris (3 pp.)	Informs Roebuck of the arrival of his family in France. Historical studies. Views on Poulett Thomson. Introduces his nephew.	1	5	169-172
20th Oct. 1839 Paris (3 pp.)	Comments on acts of violence during the Jalbert case; on attempts to implicate himself, O'Callaghan and others in the rising of autumn 1838. Asks Roebuck to take steps to sell his seignior of la Petite Nation, with notes on price of crown lands in the vicinity.	1	5	173-176

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17 Dec. 1839 Paris (34 pp.)	Expresses suspicion that his letters to Roebuck are retained by English government. Comments on Colborne's proclamation of martial law on 3rd Nov. 1838, and Viger's imprisonment; on proceedings of courts-martial. Transmits remarks of his advocate Cherrier with regard to process against him in Canada.	1	5	177-180
18 Feb. 1843 Paris (3 pp.)	Apologies for conduct of his nephew in England.	1	5	181-184
31st Oct. 1843 Paris (3 pp.)	Comments on Queen's visit to France, Anglo-French alliance, Irish affairs, O'Connell. Remarks on writ of nolle prosequi entered in suit against him and other rebels.	1	5	185-188
14th Aug. 1845 Paris (24 pp.)	Intention to visit Roebuck in London.	1	5	189-192
17 Aug. 1845 London (1 page)	Regrets missing Roebuck.	1	5	193-195
1835	Letter of L. J. Papineau to the Speakers of the Assemblies of British North America (signed L. J. Papineau). (Copy)	2	6	1-20
1837	Petition of Lower Canada Assembly relating to the removal of Judge Gale. 1837.	2	7	1-17
1837	Letter from J. A. Roebuck to Lord Melbourne, 1837. Discusses state of Canada; suggestions for settlement, including Federation of Provinces. Manuscript copy in Roebuck's hand.	2	8	16 pp.

DATES	DESCRIPTION	VOL.	FILE	PAGES
1836	Papers relating to the appointment of J. A. Roebuck as Agent for Lower Canada Assembly. 1. Bill of Assembly making the appointment. 2. Copies of resolutions passed by the Assembly and transmitted to Assemblies of British North America.	2	9	1-25
1838	Two letters from E. B. O'Callaghan: 1. 10th July, 1838 } To H. S. Chapman. New York } Narrates and criticizes steps taken against 1837 prisoners and refugees. Visit of Wakefield to Vermont. Immigration figures for 1837-8. Disapproval of frontier raids. 2. 13th Nov. 1838 } To J. A. Roebuck. New York } Narrates events on frontier during days immediately previous.	2	10	6 pp.  2 pp.
c. 1836	Autograph letter/biography of Edmund Bailly O'Callaghan inscribed "for <u>Weekly Chronicle</u> ".			3 pp.
1836	Letter from J. A. Roebuck to L. J. Papineau. (Copy) 4th Sept. 1836 } Christchurch, Hants } Informs of State of parties in England and why Radicals support Whig Administration. Account of his actions and policy as Agent for Assembly. Suggests Assembly proceed against Lord Gosford for misappropriation of funds when he ceases to be Governor. Views on waste lands, royal charters. Comments on proposal to exclude Colonial Agents from British House of Commons.	2	11	1-28
1831	Three letters from P. de S. La Terrière. Personal.	3	12	12 pp.
1835-1839, 1851	Papers relating to appointment of J. A. Roebuck as Agent. Incomplete correspondence between Roebuck and Colonial Office relating to non-payment of former's salary as Agent. Letters from Assembly informing Roebuck of disallowance by Administration of payment of his salary. Notes and drafts of letters and speeches on above subject.	3	13	1-88

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n.d., 1834-1866.	Autograph Letters from Spring Rice and others. All to J. A. Roebuck. 1. 17th Sept. 1835. Leopold de Rothschild. 2. 27th March 1837. James Williams. 3. 21st Sept. 1837. J. M. Leader. 4. 18th March 1837. Lord Howick. 5. 8th Oct. '37. Leader. 6. 28th Dec. '37. Joseph Hume. Views on rebellion in Lower Canada. "If the Yankees will assist them, all will go well." 7. 24 Dec. '37. Joseph Hume. 8. 28th June '34. Labouchere. 9. 17th Sept. '35. A. V. Hitić and L. Letord. 10. 5th Feb. '43. Joseph Parker. 11. 4 brief notes from Spring Rice. 12. 29th June '39. Lord John Russell. 13. 8th Feb. '55. C. de Berguet. 14. 9 May '43. Cavaignac. 15. Sir R. Peel } 16. Lord Durham } with Dr. Doughty. 17. Undated. Marquess of Lincoln.	3	14	-
1838	<i>Printed.</i> A Bill to make Temporay Provision for the Government of Canada, 1838.	3	15	4 pp.
1837	Resolution on Canada to be proposed by Lord John Russell. 1837. (MS notes by Roebuck). <i>Printed.</i>	3	16	4 pp.
1834, 1836	<i>Printed.</i> Contingent Accounts of House of Assembly, Lower Canada. 1834 and 1835-6.	3	17	23 pp.
1834	Report of the Special Committee on the "Extinction of Seigniorial Rights and Burthen's on Lands held à titre de Cens" in the Province of Quebec.	4	18	2 pp.
1849, 1851	Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly. 27th April 1849. 6th August 1851. ( <i>Printed</i> ).	4	19	11 pp.

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(1846)	<p>Memoranda prepared for Lord Durham before his sailing for Canada. Ends to be attained. Observations on conditions. Means to attain desired ends; (a) Provincial Govt. (b) Federal Govt. (c) English supremacy.</p> <p>Scheme for Government of Lower Canada. Denies opposition of interests of English speaking and French speaking Canadians.</p> <p><i>Administrative</i> (a) Governor appointed by Crown. (b) Executive nominated by Governor.</p> <p>Salary of Governor and Councillors to be voted by Assembly for periods of six years.</p> <p><i>Legislative</i> Legislative functions of executive council to include amendment but not rejection of bills. No alteration of franchise for Assembly.</p> <p><i>Revenue</i> All provincial revenue to be controlled by Assembly.</p> <p>There is attached to this paper in error the draft of a speech on budget proposals to be made in English House of Commons.</p>	4	20	21 pp.
1843-1844	Petition from Montreal relating to Transported Prisoners to New So. Wales, Australia.	4	21	14 pp.
1838-1844	<p>Papers relating to Transported Prisoners:</p> <p>These papers are described as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Liverpool. 22nd Dec. 1838. J. G. Parker to Lord Brougham. Statement of his case and protest against treatment received.</li> <li>2. Liverpool. 22nd Dec. 1838. Benjamin Waite to Joseph Hume. Statement and protest.</li> <li>2-a. Liverpool. 24 Dec. 1838. John G. Parker to Joseph Hume, Esq. Statement of his case and protest against treatment received.</li> <li>3. Liverpool. 27th Dec. 1838. Petition of William Reynolds, American, to the Queen.</li> </ol>	4	22	1-131
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	4. Correspondence among Hume, Lord John Russell and Mr. Rush relative to American prisoners. (a) 27th Dec. 1838. Hume to Russell (copy). (b) 28th " " Russell to Hume. (c) 31st " " Hume to American Minister. (copy). (d) 1st Jan. 1839. Rush to Hume.	4	22	21-28
	5. Undated. Lord Brougham to Roebuck. Financial help for prisoners.	4	22	29-30
	6. Liverpool. 28th Dec. 1838. Livins Miller to Roebuck. States case and protests unconstitutional nature of proceedings.	4	22	31-34
	7. Liverpool. 26th Dec. 1838. Benjamin Waite to Hume. Protest of American prisoners.	4	22	35-38
	8. Copy of Law of Upper Canada recognising right of transportation. Signed by Waite, enclosure in (7).	4	22	39-40
	9. Montreal. 3rd Dec. 1838. L. H. Lafontaine to Lord Brougham. Protests unconstitutional proceedings.	4	22	41-44
	10. Ordinance by Colborne and Council, dated 19th March 1839, providing for more speedy attainder of persons indicted for High Treason, etc. (Printed).	4	22	45-46
	11. Newspaper report of speech delivered on 4th July 1839 at Springfield Mass, by Caleb Cushing, member of Congress, relative to Canada.	4	22	47
	12. 19th Nov. 1839 (postmark). L. J. Papineau to Roebuck. Comments on Durham and Sir George Arthur, on frontier incidents of 1838 and treatment of prisoners.	4	22	48-55
	13. Newgate. 10th July 1839. Signed letter of thanks to Roebuck from nine prisoners from Upper Canada.	4	22	56-58

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	14. Quebec. 25th May 1844. Chauveau to Roebuck. Efforts to accelerate return of prisoners.	4	22	_____
	15. List of Canadians in Sydney, N.S.W.	4	22	59
	16. List of French Canadians pardoned by Sir Charles Metcalfe.	4	22	60-63
	17. London, 26th Nov. 1844. Lanctot, Huot, and Roehon to Roebuck. Request help in getting from London to Canada.	4	22	64-67
	18. London, 29th Nov. 1844. Signed petition from 38 prisoners in transit from N.S.W. to Canada.	4	22	68-69
	19. London, 30th Nov. 1844. Lt. Stanley to Roebuck. Promises to advance money for prisoners' passage.	4	22	70-72
	20. Nov. 1844. Merchant's account for supplies on voyage to New York.	4	22	73-74
	21. Lawyer's Bill of Costs for services on behalf of Canadian prisoners. from 26 Dec. 1838 to 30 January 1839.	4	22	75-102
	22. Lawyer's Bill of Costs for services on behalf of Canadian prisoners from 1 February 1839 to 20 July 1839.	4	22	103-116
	23. Notes for speeches (?) in Roebuck's hand.	4	22	117-124
	24. Copies of letters from "J.G.P." (arker?) to Thibledo. Ham. 7th Nov. 1837 and 22nd Nov. 1837, relating to preparations for rebellion.	4	22	125-128

Excerpts from these letters follows:

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J.G.P. to  
Aust Thibledo  
Hamilton  
7 Nov. 1837  
Private

"Organisation is the order of the day—form political unions of 40 each, each union choosing their own Secy and leader. Make returns to W. A. McKenzie, the corresponding secty. We are going on well in the G.D. The House is organizing—the House is already under drill weekly. There is no time to be lost.

J.G.P.

Go steadily and quietly to work let the M.D. come up with the others and all is well. There is not a soldier in the garrison (sic) at Toronto.

Unsigned (?)  
J.G.P. to  
A. Thibledo  
Hamilton.  
22 Nov. 1837  
Private

Letter sent to Mr. Bradbury as enclosure, owing to fears of post-office mistakes. Requests information as to events at "seat of war." Upper Canada radicals sceptical as to pluck of Lower Canadians. There is a rifle depot in Hamilton and most farmers are getting rifles. "There is a nest of Scotch radicals of the worst sort back of Toronto, and I was told by a man from that quarter that they are getting well marshalled and only waiting for good news from L. Canada, when they will enter the city." London and western district said to be boiling over and ready for uniform. Unions. Probable increase of real estate values. No fear of consequences in Upper Canada; waiting on news from Quebec. Some officials are of opinion that the Canadas are lost. Will the Americans help? L. Canadians reported to be divided and leaderless, and without means.

1837

25. Copy of letter from "J.G.P." to I. Williams. Ham, 1st Dec. 1837.  
Preparations for rebellion. American support.

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J.G.P. to  
I. Williams  
Hamilton  
1st Dec. 1837

Requests information as to events in L. Canada, and as to situation and prospects of the Rebels. What needs have they and what help will they get from U.S.A. What prospects for a man entering their ranks? "U.C. is at this time in a great excitement and should L.C. revolutionize U.C. would follow at once and join the States."

Prospects of increase in value of property.

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John G. Parker was arrested on Dec. 5th 1837 for treasonable correspondence in connexion with the Rebellion. In November of the following year he was sent with other prisoners to England.

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1842-(1885)	Journal of Henrietta (Falconer) Roebuck, wife of J.A. Roebuck, containing letter describing "Cutters' Feast, Sheffield" (loose)	5	23	59 pp.
	Photostat copy of the above Journal.	5	23-a	58 pp.
1837	Mr. Roebuck's Address at the Bar of the House of Lords, 5 Feb. 1837 (incomplete)	5	24	20 pp.
1843	Recollections of a Trip down the St. Lawrence in 1843. (By an English Officer.)	5	25	47 pp.
c.1830s-1890s	Notebook. Parts are copies of letters or diaries of J.A. Roebuck. Much of this is incorporated in "Autobiography and Letters of J.A. Roebuck" edited by R.E. Leader (London 1897).	5	26	
n.d., 1849, 1878	Letter dated 18 May 1849 from Mr. Hubert Saunders to J.A. Roebuck re the Irish land question, and letter dated 26 August 1878 from N.S. Chapman to Mrs. Roebuck. Includes miscellaneous notes.	5	27	
n.d.	List and photocopies of items transferred to the Picture Division and the National Photography Collection. (The list forms pages 15-16 of this Finding Aid)	5	28	
1835-1845	Correspondence as follows:			
1835	Letter to J.A. Roebuck from the Comité de Correspondence, Montreal dated 18 Septembre 1835.	6	29	3 pp.
1837	Wrapper of letter to J.A. Roebuck, postmark date 1837.	6	29	
1838	Letter from H. Roebuck to Rev. T. Falconer (Mrs. J.A. Roebuck to her father) dated Feb. 1838.	6	29	4 pp.

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1839	Letter from W.H. Ashurst, Cheapside, to J.A. Roebuck dated 14 March 1839.	6	29	2 pp.
1844	Letter from L.A. Dessaulles to J.A. Roebuck postmarked 1844.	6	29	2 pp.
1845	Letter from L.-J. Papineau, Halifax to John A. Roebuck dated 17 September (or October) 1845.	6	29	2 pp.
n.d.	Notes for an argument in support of a motion to discharge the (Canadian) Prisoners.	6	30	33 pp.

# List of Items Transferred to other Divisions

## 1. Picture Division

### Item 1

Watercolour view of "Quebec from the Island of Orleans, River St. Lawrence, August, 1875" by Helen Douglas (Negative number C-38992).

### Item 2

Pencil Sketch of "Beauharnois Church on the St. N., Lower Canada...." (reverse)  
Pencil Sketch of "Hever Castle, Kent" (Negative number C-38991).

## 2. National Photography Collection

Please request by accession number which is 1971-1972 for items 3 to 6.

### Item 3

"Canada, 1862" Left hand side-picture "W.H. Daltrie (?)" Right hand side-picture "Lord F. Paulet & Staff, Montreal 1862".  
(Reverse) Left Hand Side "Lord Alexander Paget" (missing).  
Right Hand Side "Hon. Lionel Ashley" (missing).

### Item 4

"Canada, 1862" Left hand side "Victoria" (missing) Right Hand side-picture "Mrs. Wombwell".  
Reverse Left Hand side-picture "Alfred Balfour". Right Hand Side "George Forbes & self" (missing)

### Item 5

"Canada, 1862" Left hand side-picture "Gen. Lindsay & Staff, Montreal, 1863".  
Right hand side-picture "Major Earl 14th Regt.". Reverse left hand side-picture "Lord George Hamilton". Right hand side "Walter" (missing).

2. National Photography Collection (cont'd)

Item 6

"France", 1865

Left hand side "Promenade des Anglais, Nice, 1865" (missing)

Right hand side "Nice, Ancient Port, 1865" (missing)

Reverse Left Hand side "Fall of Niagara, 1862"

Right hand side "Quebec from the St. Charles, 1862" (?).