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INTRODUCTION

John Ashworth (1824-1906) served as a cashier in the Post Office Department from 1844 until he retired in 1888. He moved with the federal government from Quebec City to Ottawa in 1867, and bought Belmont Lodge near Aylmer, Quebec which was his home until his death in 1906. His father, John Ashworth (1790-1836) came to Canada from Lancashire, England and was Deputy Adjutant Commissary General from 1814 to 1836. His son, John Pison Ashworth (ca. 1864-1945) was manager of the Bank of Montreal in Deseronto, Ontario and President of the Board of Trade.

The collection consists of correspondence and related documents, financial and estate records, diaries and extracts from a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, arranged in four series. The following members of John Ashworth's family are represented: his wife, Julia Phillips; his father, John Ashworth; his mother, Sophia Louisa Caldwell and her relations the Mompessons, the Lindsays, and the Hetheringtons; his sister, Sophia Pison; and his son, John Pison Ashworth and his daughter-in-law, Florence Evans.

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2. Report re General Meeting of the Commissariat Mess, Quebec 11 March 1831, chaired by Commissary General Routh.
3. Report of loss by fire of belongings of John Ashworth, Deputy Adjutant Commissary General at Ile aux Noix, Lower Canada, 18 January 1818.
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9. Extract of General Orders from Headquarters Montreal, 21 September 1812, Laprairie, 27 November 1812, extract from Montreal newspaper, 24 April 1814.
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13. Commission Parchment for John Ashworth, Deputy Adjutant Commissary General, George III, 31 May 1814.

A printed copy of the "Acts of Incorporation, Constitution, By-Laws, Executive Committee and List of Members of the Metropolitan Club, Montreal" revised to 1 January 1894, and also a pamphlet entitled "The Universal Riddler" have been transferred to the Archives Library. Several photographs of Belmont Lodge and the Ashworth family and associates, were transferred to the custody of the National Photography Collection. (Acc. no. 1978-84) and a picture of Hon. Horatio Gates (1778-1834) was transferred to Picture Division.