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Microfilm, 1929-1946. Reel A-1084. F.A. No. 1132.

The Pond inlet Anglican Mission was established, 1929, on the north east coast of Baffin Island by the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society.

Copied in 1978 from originals in the possession of the Rev. Harold Norton Duncan (b. 1903) of Surrey, England, who was the first missionary at Pond Inlet, 1929-1935.

Finding Aid No. 1132 provides a list of the material in the order in which it appears on the microfilm.

The papers consist of 71 items relating to the early history of the Mission of the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society at Pond Inlet, Baffin Island, 1929-1946. Included are 55 photographs of the mission, the missionaries and the Eskimos of the area, almost all of which are identified. There are also a newspaper article, 1933, on the mission; a hymn sheet and 5 letters in Eskimo syllabics; drawings by Eskimo children and others; and two Christmas menus, 1930 and 1931. The menu for 1930 is autographed by the men at the Hudson's Bay Company post at Pond Inlet. The last 3 items on the microfilm (consisting of 2 letters and a drawing of hunting equipment, 1934, by a 14-year-old Eskimo boy, Kayakmet, who later joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police) are also available as photocopies.

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INTRODUCTION

Pond Inlet Anglican Mission

The Anglican Mission at Pond Inlet was established in 1929 by the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society. It was situated on the north eastern coast of Baffin Island, just south of Bylot Island, and was "the most northerly mission station in the world". The first missionary was the Rev. Harold Norton Duncan (b. 1903), who had been educated at London University and the Bible Churchmen's College at Bristol. He remained with the mission until 1935. He appears to have been accompanied, or soon joined, by the Rev. John Hudspitt Turner (fl. 1926-1947), later an Honorary Canon of the Arctic, who remained with the mission until 1945. A description of the mission is provided by the first item in this collection, an article from The Christian Herald and Signs of Our Times, 26 October 1933, entitled "A Glimpse of Arctic Life, Present Day Missionary Enterprise".

Provenance

The material in this collection was lent for copying by the Rev. Harold Norton Duncan, now of Surrey, England, and was microfilmed early in 1978 by the P.A.C.'s London Office. Three additional items were both filmed and photocopied several months later, and the film of the supplementary items has been spliced onto the end of the original reel.

The Papers

The papers consist mainly of photographs of the Pond Inlet Mission and missionaries and of the Eskimos to whom they ministered, 1929-1934. Most of the photographs are identified by captions written on the back. In the case of 14 of the photographs, these captions were written in pencil which did not reproduce well. These 14 items, which are asterisked in the descriptive list, were refilmed with typewritten captions, and then refilmed once more.

The collection also includes a few manuscript items, such as a hymn sheet and some letters in Eskimo syllabics, two Menus for 1930 and 1931, apparently for the Christmas dinners at the Pond Inlet Hudson's Bay Company post and the B.C.M.S. mission respectively, and some drawing books of Eskimo children.

The quality of the photographs is usually not very good but, together with the rest of the material, they still afford a surprisingly good impression of the mission's early days.

The Finding Aid

The finding aid consists of a listing of the items as they appear on the film. The item numbers given in the finding aid are for reference purposes only, and do not appear on the microfilm. The finding aid has been indexed in the General Index.

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Photographs of the B.C.M.S. mission and missionaries, etc., at Pond Inlet, Baffin Island (1929-1934):

1. "A Glimpse of Arctic Life, Present Day Missionary Enterprise". Article on the B.C.M.S. mission at Pond Inlet (with prize stories contributed by readers, on the back), from The Christian Herald and Signs of Our Times, 26 October 1933, pp. 367-368. Illustrated with photographs.
2. S.S. NASCOPIE, docked at Ardrossan, October 1929.
3. Anglican Mission at Pond Inlet, Summer 1930.
4. General View of Pond Inlet Settlement, 1930.
5. Anglican Mission at Pond Inlet before completion. Exterior, [1929].
6. Anglican Mission at Pond Inlet. Interior, 1934.
7. Anglican Mission at Pond Inlet. Interior, 1934.
8. R.C.M.P. Constable at Pond Inlet in winter dress. N.
9. [Rev.] H[arold] N[orton] D[uncan] carrying up magazines to B.C.M.S. Mission. Pangnirtung Eskimo sealskin tents in foreground.
10. George Nicholson (left) and Arthur Turner (right) at work on Pangnirtung Hospital, five days after commencement of work, September 1930.
11. Rev. H.N. Duncan at Pond Inlet, Summer 1930.
12. Rev. H.N. Duncan outside the Anglican Mission, Pond Inlet, 1933.
13. R.C.M.P. Constable near Pond Inlet returning from sealing trip.

Photographs of the Eskimos and their activities, etc. (1929-1934):

14. Eskimo cutting up "square flipper" seal for native cord.

- *15. A loaded "Kumotik" [Eskimo sledge].
- *16. Washing a bearskin at Clyde.
- *17. Clyde, native rendering down blubber.
- 18. Sack Race, Baffin Land.
- *19. Sport Day, Pond Inlet, 1934.
- *20. Sport Day, Pond Inlet, 1934.
- 21. Iceberg off Pond Inlet estimated 500 feet above water level, summer 1934.
- *22. A nice view of a "S-nice berg" (Mr. Wood's comment).
- *23. Walrus.
- *24. A walrus with his little baby on top of it.
- 25. Cutting snow blocks in preparation for igloo building.
- 26. Sledging over a land crossing.
- *27. Blacklead Island (rendering down blubber).
- *28. View of Pangnirtung Fiord.
- 29. Stream near B.C.M.S. Mission, Pond's Inlet, just beginning to flow again, early June, 1930. Our water supply, June-September.
- 30. Eskimo sealskin tent.
- *31. [Eskimos] (this photograph has no caption).
- 32. Ben on board S.S. NASCOPIE, July 1929.
- *33. Igloolik native (Erkipigiat).
- *34. Hoisting up the second bear on the NASCOPIE, August 1929, the bosun just behind it.
- 35. Seal hunting. The occupation of the NASCOPIE each spring.
- 36. Three girls at Blacklead Island, September 1930.
- 37. Eskimo Toupik or sealskin tent at Pangnirtung (?) or Clyde (?), September 1930.
- 38. Ectoo[t]ooshoo, Ungwatchya, Ibelli, 1930.

39. Ēctoo/t̄ooshoo, Ungwatchya, Ibelli, 1930.]
40. Kayak, Eskimo boy at Pond Inlet, 1930.
- *41. E. (This photograph of a male and female Eskimo has no other caption).
42. Peneloo (right) and his wife. Pond Inlet, 1930.
43. Ahkoomalik and Unguowya, employed by the B.C.M.S. Mission, Pond's Inlet, September 1930.
44. Attagookta (corrected from Attensiak) (age 28), former widow of Na-kood-la, now wife of Keepōmē, Dundas Harbour, 3 September 1932.
- *45. Rev. H.N. Duncan, Pond's Inlet, 1934.
46. Eskimo woman with her baby in her hood.
47. The Rev. H.N. Duncan demonstrating use of Eskimo dog whip.
48. Anglican missionary at Port Harrison.
49. Eskimo family at Pond Inlet.
50. Two Eskimo women at Pond Inlet after prayers.
51. Eskimo congregation coming up to Anglican Mission, Pond Inlet.
52. Eskimo family at Pond Inlet.
53. Rev. H.N. Duncan outside igloo on Bylot Island, Spring 1930.
54. Canon John Hudspitt Turner at Pond Inlet, 1930.
55. An Eskimo congregation.
56. An Eskimo letter with drawing of a bear, etc.]

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Manuscript items (1930-1946):

57. Hymn sheet, in Eskimo syllabics. 4 pp.
58. Letter, with envelope, in Eskimo syllabics, from Pond Inlet Eskimo to the Rev. H.N. Duncan, 25 September 1942. 3 pp.

59. Two letters, with envelope, in Eskimo syllabics, from Eskimo boy and girl at Pond Inlet to the Rev. H.N. Duncan, March 1946. 5 pp.
60. Menu, Christmas 1931, [autographed on the back by the Rev. H.N. Duncan]. 4 pp.
61. Two drawings, one of a polar bear. 2 pp.
62. Menu, Hudson's Bay Company, Pond's Inlet, 25 December 1930. [with 10 autographs, including those of G.C. McKay, D. [W.] Edmunds, W.G. Ke [n], S. Wood, R.J. [Kidshon], M. Turner.]. 4 pp.

Eskimo children's drawing books (undated):

63. Drawing book of an Eskimo girl aged 12 years. 79 pp.
64. Drawing book of an Eskimo girl aged 12 years. 31 pp.
65. Drawing book of an Eskimo boy aged 14 years. 48 pp.
66. Drawing book of an Eskimo boy aged 14 years. 25 pp.

Supplementary items (1934) (Photocopies also available):

67. Letter from Kayakmet (an Eskimo boy of about 14 years, who later joined the R.C.M.P.), to the Rev. H.N. Duncan, 1934.
68. Letter from Kayakmet to the Rev. H.N. Duncan, 1934.
69. A drawing by Kayakmet of equipment, an harpoon, screen for seal stalking, spear and line.