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MG 27 SIFTON, Arthur Lewis, 1859-1921. Politician.

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D 19 Originals, 1883-1921. 1.3 m. Finding Aid No. 816.

The Rt. Hon. A.L. Sifton (1859-1921) was admitted to the Bar of the Northwest Territories in 1885 and became Treasurer and Commissioner for Public Works of the Territorial Government in 1901. In 1903 he was appointed Chief Justice of the Northwest Territories, and in 1907, Chief Justice of Alberta. After entering provincial politics Sifton became Premier, Provincial Treasurer and Minister of Public Works of Alberta in 1910, and in 1912 he assumed the additional portfolio of Railways and Telephones. On entering the Union Government in 1917 he served as Minister of Customs 1917-1918, Customs and Inland Revenue 1918-1919, Public Works 1919, and as Secretary of State 1919-1920. As part of the Canadian delegation Sifton attended the Paris Peace Conference of 1918-1919, and sat on a number of international commissions. In 1920 he became first chairman of the Canadian Air Board.

The A. L. Sifton papers were presented in 1964 by his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Kenny. The Steele correspondence in Vol. 14 was presented in 1967 by Mr. Charles MacKenzie of Ottawa, and additional material in 1972 by Mrs. Mary Sifton on behalf of Mrs. Kenny's estate. Vol. 13 was presented by Mrs. A.C. Ernst of Ottawa in 1966.

The finding aid no. 816 consists of a file list.

Books, pictures and maps were transferred to appropriate divisions. Documents tracing Sifton's appointments and achievements were transferred to the vertical and horizontal files in Manuscripts in December 1979.

ORGANIZATION OF PAPERS

Sifton, Arthur Lewis, 1859-1921.

- I CORRESPONDENCE SERIES, 1914-1921, 50 cm. (vols. 1- 4, 14)
Arranged chronologically.
Letters and a small amount of
memoranda and diplomatic papers
relating mainly to Sifton's political
career as Minister of Customs,
Minister of Public Works, and Secretary
of State.
- II SUBJECT FILES, 1885-1921, 55 cm. (vols. 5-11)
Arranged chronologically within
each of the six sub-series
Mainly official material, such
as drafts of treaties, reports
etc., which are frequently
annotated.

Paris Peace Conference, 1918-1919, 10 cm. (vol. 5)

- consists mainly of printed or
near-print documents.

International Conventions Resulting from Paris Peace Conference
1919, 10 cm. (vol. 7)

Air Board, 1919-20, 10 cm. (vol. 8)

R.C.M.P. Reports, 1920, 10 cm. (vol. 9)

Memoranda and Reports, 1913-20, 10 cm. (vol. 10)

- concerns provincial and
Dominion political issues.

Souvenirs, 1884-1920, 5 cm. (vols. 6 and 11)

- consists of certificates, menus,
invitations from Sifton's public
life.

- III REFERENCE SERIES, n.d., 1883-84, 1911-21, 25 cm. (vols. 11-13, 15-16)
Material is arranged chronologically
within each of three sub-series.

Publications, n.d., 1912-1920, 7.5 cm. (vol. 11)

- pamphlets relating to Sifton's portfolios and dealing with subjects such as the war, commerce and aviation.

Newspaper Clippings, n.d., 1883-1921, 7.5 cm. (vol. 12)

- a wide variety of newspapers, organized chronologically with topic headings.

The Treaty of Peace..., June 28th, 1919, 5 cm. (vol. 13)

- the complete treaty with maps

The Daily Mail, Paris edition, bound volumes. (January 19 - August 13, 1919) 5 cm. (vols. 15-16)

- pertains to the Paris Peace Conference

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I CORRESPONDENCE, 1914-1921 (vols. 1-4, 14.) 50 cm.

Arranged chronologically. Material includes official and semi-official letters, notably copies to Sir Robert Borden; a small amount of memoranda and diplomatic papers on a variety of topics. Included throughout are letters regarding the Peace Conference at Paris, the Air Board, the Ministry of Customs, and Alberta politics. See also the relevant volumes in the SUBJECT FILES.

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	Correspondence	1914-1917
	Correspondence	1918
	Correspondence	January 1919
	Correspondence	February 1919
	Correspondence	March 1919
	Correspondence	April 1919
	Correspondence	May 1919
2	Correspondence	June 1919
	Correspondence	July 1919
	Correspondence	August 1919
	Correspondence	September 1919
	Correspondence	October 1919
	Correspondence	November 1919
	Correspondence	December 1919
3	Correspondence	January 1920
	Correspondence	February 1920
	Correspondence	March 1920
	Correspondence	April 1920
	Correspondence	May 1920

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Dates</u>
4	Correspondence	June 1920
	Correspondence	July 1920
	Correspondence	August 1920
	Correspondence	September 1920
	Correspondence	October 1920
	Correspondence	November 1920
	Correspondence	December 1920
14	Correspondence from General S.B. Steele - stating his case with regard to General Currie, Kitchener and others	January 1919
	Correspondence - letters of sympathy to Sifton family on A.L. Sifton's death.	January 1921
II	SUBJECT FILES, 1884-1921 (vols. 5-11) 55 cm. Material includes memoranda, drafts of reports with annotations.	
	<u>Paris Peace Conference, 1918-1919 (vol. 5) 10 cm.</u>	
5	Agreement, convention, reply and printed correspondence - British documents which include the Agreement between France, Russia, Great Britain and Italy, 1915; peace proposals made by the Pope, 1917; convention between Greece and Bulgaria regard- ing reciprocal immigration 1919; reply of the Allied Powers to the German delegation, 1919; correspondence regarding the Adriatic Question, 1920.	1915-1920
	Declarations arising from the Peace Conference	1919
	Memoranda regarding Peace Conference - includes one Canadian item	1919
	Armistice Terms, Treaties and Ordinances - includes Treaty of Peace between the Allied Powers and Bulgaria, and Treaty with Germany (Versailles)	1919

Paris Peace Conference, 1918-1919 (vol. 5) 10 cm. (cont'd)

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Dates</u>
5 (cont'd)	"Conditions of Peace" - complete peace treaty with maps	1919
	Sifton, A.L., speech and souvenirs regarding Peace Treaty	1919
<u>International Conventions Resulting from Paris Peace Conference 1919 (vol. 7) 10 cm.</u>		
7	Covenant of the League of Nations - drafts and memoranda	1919
	Air Navigation, international	1919
	Labour Legislation, international	1919
	Freedom of Communications and Transit, Ports, Waterways and Railways - A.L. Sifton was chairman of the Commission on International Régime of Ports, Waterways and Railways	1919
<u>Air Board 1919-20 (vol. 8) 10 cm.</u>		
See also: Correspondence series, vols. 1-4, 14, throughout.		
8	Meetings, Numbers 1-5 - includes correspondence, agendas and minutes, with an index	June - August 1919
	Meetings, Numbers 6-8 - includes minutes and agendas	November-February 1920
	Memoranda and Reports	1919-20
	Proposed Estimates	1920
	Air Regulations, Rules of Entry (of aircraft into Canada)	1920

R.C.M.P. Reports, 1920 (vol. 9) 10 cm.

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Files</u>	<u>Dates</u>
9	R.C.M.P. Reports - topics include Bolshevists, O.B.U., Sinn Fein movement, activities of the C.I.B. division (by province)	August 1920
	R.C.M.P. Reports - mainly C.I.B. reports by province	September 1940
	R.C.M.P. Reports	October 1920
	R.C.M.P. Reports	November 1920

Memoranda and Reports, 1913-20 (vol. 10) 10 cm.

10	Alberta, memoranda and reports - includes balance sheet for the University of Alberta, 1915; general political reports, Sifton's nomination paper from Vermillion residents, a petition from Ruthenians of Alberta thanking Sifton.	1915-20
	Speech by Sifton regarding Alberta	1913
	Dominion of Canada, memoranda and reports regarding - topics include the parliament buildings, post office staff, War trophies, customs department, consumers' association, the Halifax disaster	1919-20
	<u>Military Service Act</u> , and registration statistics and forms - includes Order-in-Council, statistics from military districts	1918
	Naval Mission to Canada, Admiral Lord Jellicoe's Report	1919
	International Conventions and Reports, drafts - includes The Control of Firearms, The Evacuation of North Russia, Mission of Sir Stuart Samuel to Poland, Inter- national Air Navigation	1919-20
	Sifton family personal papers - includes insurance policy, notes, receipts	n.d., 1916-17

Souvenirs, 1884-1920 (vols. 6 and 11) 5 cm.

Arranged chronologically.

Note: In December, 1979 many of the large items were transferred to the horizontal files of Manuscripts.

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Files</u>	<u>Dates</u>
6	Attorney and Barrister at law, certifications of A.L. Sifton for the Province of Manitoba	1884
	Notary Public in the North-West Territories, appointment as	October 31, 1885
	Certificate to Practise as an Advocate in the North-West Territories	April 18, 1886
	Independent Order of Good Templars, memberships of Mr. & Mrs. Sifton	July 1889
	Canadian Red Cross Society, life memberships for Sifton family	1915
	Canadian Boy Scouts, Warrant as Vice-President, Alberta	March 21, 1916
	Edmonton Exhibition Association presentation to the Honorable A. L. Sifton	April 3, 1917
	Privy Council Appointment	January 22, 1920
11	Personal souvenirs	n.d., 1896-1919
	Souvenirs regarding Coronation of George VI and Mary	1911
	Souvenirs regarding the Peace Congress at Paris	1919

III REFERENCE, n.d., 1883-84, 1911-21 (vols. 11-13, 15-16) 25 cm.

Material is arranged as follows:

- Publications, n.d., 1912-1920, vol. 11;
- Newspaper Clippings, n.d., 1883-1921, vol. 12. 7.5 cm. arranged chronologically, with subject headings;
- The Treaty of Peace (Versailles Treaty) 1919, vol. 6, bound copy;
- The Daily Mail, Paris edition, bound volumes. January 19-August 13, 1919. Volumes 15-16.

Publications; n.d., 1912-1920 (vol. 11) 7.5 cm.

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Files</u>	<u>Dates</u>
11	W. Alban Richards Co., "Housing for Aeroplanes"	n.d.
	Murray, Sir George, "Report on the Organization of the Public Service of Canada"	1912
	Sifton, A.L., speeches on Empire Day and the Development of Alberta	1913
	Alberta. "Synopsis of Important Acts."	February 24- April 19, 1916
	Canada. Dept. of Customs. "Lists of Ports with Outports and Preventive Stations."	July 1918
	Machin, Lieut.-Colonel H.A.C., Address delivered by	March 4, 1919
	<u>The Canadian Nation</u> . Vol. 1, No. 1	March 15, 1919
	Canada. The House of Commons of Canada. Bill 80 - appointment of an Air Board	May 1919
	<u>The Congressional Record (U.S.)</u>	June 1919
	<u>Je sais tout</u> Paris	June 15, 1919
	Canadian Patriotic Fund, Federal Emergency Appropriation Department, "Regulations"	December 1919
	<u>The Empire Mail and Overseas</u> - Trade Empire Day Number	May 1920
	<u>The Onlooker</u>	August - September 1920

Newspaper Clippings (n.d., 1883-1921) vol. 12 7.5 cm.

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Files</u>	<u>Dates</u>
12	<u>The Alberta Federationist</u> - immigration publicity	n.d.
	<u>The Brandon Sun</u> and <u>Brandon Daily Sun</u>	1883, 1884
	<u>The Canadian Mail</u> - Coronation Number	June 24, 1911
	Politics, clippings	1912-21
	Peace Conference, clippings	1919
	Aviation, articles	1919, 1921
	Sifton, A.L.; clippings	1917-20
	Sifton, A.L., death of	January 21, 1921
	<u>The Treaty of Peace between the Allied and Associated Powers and Germany signed at Versailles, June 28th, 1919.</u> volume 13, 5 cm.	
	<u>The Daily Mail.</u> Paris edition, bound volumes. January 19- August 13, 1919. Volumes 15-16, 5 cm.	

Documents from A.L. Sifton papers, MG 27, II D 19 - transferred to vertical and to horizontal files.

1. Poster, The Alberta Military Representation Act, (1914-15) (Vertical file).
2. Certificate of marriage, 1882. (Horizontal file).
3. Commissioner for oaths for Manitoba, Jan. 30, 1882. (Horizontal file).
4. B.A., L.L.B. and M.A. Degrees, University College, 1880, 1888. (Horizontal file).
5. Admission to practise law in the state of California, 1889. (Horizontal file).
6. Appointment to the Executive Council, North West Territories, 1901. (Horizontal file).
7. Appointment as Commisioner of Public Works, N.W.T., 1901. (Horizontal file).
8. Appointment as Territorial Treasurer, N.W.T., 1901. (Horizontal file).
9. Appointment as King's Counsel, 1902. (Horizontal file).
10. Appointment as Chief Justice, Supreme Court of N.W.T., 1903. (Horizontal file).
11. Appointment as Chief Justic, Supreme Court of Alberta, 1907. (Horizontal file).
12. Appointment as President of the Executive Council, Alberta, May 26, 1910. (Horizontal file).
13. Appointment as Minister of Public Works, Alberta, 1910. (Horizontal file).
14. Appointment as Provincial Treasurer, Alberta, 1910. (Horizontal file).
15. Appointment as Minister of Railways and Telephones, Alberta, 1912. (Horizontal file).
16. Honorary Doctor of Law degree from University of Alberta, 1908. (Horizontal file).
17. Invitation to Coronation of George V and Queen Mary, 1911. (Horizontal file).
18. Appointment as Minister of Public Works, Canada, 1919. (Horizontal file).
19. Appointment as Minister of Department of Customs, 1918. (Horizontal file).

20. Admission to the Privy Council as Secretary of State, Jan., 1920 and October 1, 1920. (Horizontal file).