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*Office Records of Dr. Robert A. Armstrong,  
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National Health and Welfare*

**Box List**

**Box 1**

[Information Kit on the Medical Care Act]

- copies of the Act, amendments, notes, questions and answers and annual reports

"Expenditure on Personal Health Care in Canada 1960-1971"

- publication

Physicians' Income Study 1968

- figures on the income earned by physicians across Canada for the year 1968

Physicians' Income Study 1969

- figures on the income earned by physicians across Canada for the year 1969

Physicians' Income Study 1970-71

- figures on the income earned by physicians across Canada for the years 1970-71

Physicians' Income Study 1972

- figures on the income earned by physicians across Canada for the year 1972

Physicians' Income Study 1973

- figures on the income earned by physicians across Canada for the year 1973

**Box 2**

Physicians' Income Study 1974

- figures on the income earned by physicians across Canada for the year 1974

Physicians' Income Study 1975

- figures on the income earned by physicians across Canada for the year 1975

Physicians' Income Study 1976

- figures on the income earned by physicians across Canada for the year 1976

[Physicians]

- figures from the Physician Income Study for 1977 and 1978, covering gross income, net income and overhead; average age limits for earnings in range

[Average Working Life of Physicians]  
-printout of figures for 1971

[Research and Statistics Memos]  
- "Expenditures on Personal Health Care in Canada 1960-1970"  
- "Expenditures on Personal Health Care in the Provinces of Canada 1957-1969"  
- "Expenditures on Personal Health Care in Canada 1957-1969"  
- "Health Care Price Movements"

Community Health Centres Correspondence [part 1]  
- correspondence, copies of memos, and drafts

Community Health Centres Correspondence [part 2]  
- correspondence, copies of memos, and drafts

Minister's Briefing Book Bill C-68  
- opening remarks, notes on 1975 budget, amendments to the Medical Care Act, and the Health Insurance and Diagnostic Services, federal provincial relations, questions and answers, reactions from the provinces and the Canadian Medical Association, and notes on physician manpower

1978-79 Main Estimates Minister's Briefing Book  
- includes theme index

Minister's Data Book Financial and Statistical Health Data

Senator Kennedy's Visit  
- package of information prepared for the 1976 visit of U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy, chairman of the US Senate Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Labour and Public Welfare

### Box 3

[Loose Papers]  
- copy of the Health Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act, the Medical Care Act, drafts of provincial health care plans, informational handouts and notes for speeches.

Federal-Provincial Conferences on Medical Care [1967-68]  
-proceedings 1967-68

Federal-Provincial Conferences on Medical Care [1969-71]  
-proceedings 1969-71

Chronology of Selected Federal Social Welfare Legislation by Program 1876-1976  
- prepared by Office of the Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister (in French and

English)

The Hospital Insurance Program [part 1]

- copies of all acts and regulations on the provision of health insurance services, arranged by province: Canada, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario

The Hospital Insurance Program [part 2]

- copies of all acts and regulations on the provision of health insurance services arranged by province: Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories

The Medical Care Program [part 1]

- copies of all acts and regulations on medical care arranged by province: Canada, British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan

**Box 4**

The Medical Care Program [part 2]

- copies of all acts and regulations on the provision of health insurance services arranged by province: Manitoba and Ontario

The Medical Care Program [part 3]

- copies of all acts and regulations on the provision of health insurance services arranged by province: Quebec

The Medical Care Program [part 4]

- copies of all acts and regulations on the provision of health insurance services arranged by province: New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, N.W.T. and the Yukon

Proceedings of the Advisory Committee on Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services  
1 to 12 [1957-1965]

Proceedings of the Advisory Committee on Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services  
13 to 20 [1966-1969]

Proceedings of the Advisory Committee on Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services  
21 to 25 [1970-1972]

**Box 5**

Proceedings of the Advisory Committee on Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services  
26 to 27 [1972-1973]

Reports of the Advisory Committee on Health Insurance  
- meetings 1 to 9 (1973-1977)

Report of the First Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Institutional Care Services  
Regina, Saskatchewan May 16-17, 1978

[Infant Mortality]  
- notes on infant mortality, [1972]

Mortality Data  
- copies of correspondence dealing with data on how the infant mortality rate  
altered with the introduction of medicare (1971-1973)

Health Cost Data (Expenditures)  
- information on the costs of physicians' services after medicare (1974)

Ontario Miscellaneous  
-information on the Ontario Health Insurance program, and photocopies of various  
editorials relating to health insurance. (1976-1978)

Portability  
- copies of documents on the treatment of persons not enroled in national health  
insurance plans (i.e, British visitors to Canada) (1978)

Letters to Editors  
- copies of editorials and replies to them, usually under the name of the Minister  
[Marc Lalonde, or John Munro], some by Dr. Armstrong. Most were prepared  
by Dr. Armstrong (1973-1976)

Hospital Statistics  
- (1975)

Public versus Private Insurance  
- figures (1977)

U.S. Insurance  
- information on health insurance in the United States (1971-1976)

### Box 6

Notes for Speeches to U.S. Groups  
- (1975)

Emigration of Doctors  
- articles, correspondence and figures (1977-1978)

[Surgical Procedures Comparison]

- comparison of the fees for various surgical procedures (1972-1978)

[Mortality Statistics]

- 1971-72

[Research and Statistics]

- chart on health expenditures as a percentage of Gross National Product, figures on doctors' incomes (1973-1976)

Medical Care and HIDS Acts

- draft briefing notes, copies of the Acts, summary of provincial health insurance plans, regulations on Health Insurance and Diagnostic Services, and records of cabinets decisions (1977-1978)

[Bill C-68]

- information package from Mr. Lalonde to his fellow MPs regarding budgetary measures on medicare and hospital insurance; copies of articles, extracts from parliamentary debates, and a copy of the 1975 budget speech (1975)

Income Data

- information on the income of doctors and nurses (1975-1978)

Fee Comparisons

- print outs of statistics (1970-1978)

[Ontario Physicians' Income Study]

- figures (1972)

Parliamentary References

- includes notes for the Minister (1965-1971)

**Box 7**

Briefing Notes Health Programs Act

- (1977-1978)

Bone Marrow Transplantation

- notes from the Canadian Haematology Society's Workshop on bone marrow transplantation (1977)

[Health Care Expenditures]

- figures (1975)

Utilization by Specialty

- figures and statistics on the numbers of operations in Canada according to their

type (circa 1977)

Encyclopedia Canadiana

- correspondence regarding an article on health insurance (1972)

Material for Minister for Replies in the House re Bill C-68, January 29, 1976

OHIP

- report on the Ontario Health Insurance Plan, and correspondence (1970, 1973)

Trans Canada Medical Plans

- newsletters and copies of some Nova Scotia Medical Bulletins (1968-1969)

Utilization Fees

- correspondence, memoranda, figures on the effect of deterrent fees on doctors' office and hospital visits (1964-1968)

[Health Care]

- agreement on eligibility and portability, statement on extra billing, remarks on cost control, comparative statistics on health care for selected countries (1969-1975)

Medical Care Bill Commons Debates

- 1966

[Definitions]

- definitions used by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for health and welfare subjects (1971)

[Mortality Data]

- miscellaneous documents relating to mortality rates and fees for services (1974)

## **Box 8**

[Miscellaneous]

- Cabinet memorandum on Health Financing Arrangements; equipment and devices program; draft letter for comparison of statistics [1975]

Drafts for Approval

- summary of issues in selected provinces with regards to the Medical Care and Health Insurance and Diagnostic Services Acts (n.d.)

Minister's Speech

- two speeches by John Munro (1969)

[Loose Documents]

- [agency or unit codes] (1958); speech by W. MaCutcheon on medicare predictions (1964); sheet on universal dental care program (n.d.); "Highlights of Indian Vital Statistics 1966" by G. Graham-Cumming of the Medical Services Branch

Outstanding Issues (Quebec)

- correspondence on outstanding issues re the financial agreements between Quebec and the federal government

[Physicians' Income]

- figures, Cabinet memoranda, and correspondence (1970-1973)

C-68

- minister's speech for the second reading of the Bill, cabinet memoranda on the health financing agreements (1975)

[General Information]

- Cabinet memoranda, correspondence and other memoranda on the development of a universal dental care plan, drug costs, a draft act for payments of contributions to health insurance plans, medical care plans, and extended health care plans (1971-1977)

Memorandae [sic] to Cabinet

- Cabinet documents (1969-1970)

[Minister's Question and Answer Book]

- May 1974

Background Information Speech by Dr. Maurice LeClair, Sun Valley Idaho

- background data for a speech on health care issues by Dr. Maurice LeClair, Deputy Minister of Health, in 1974

*Informational Files*

*Archivist's Note:*

*These files, arranged alphabetically by person, were Dr. Armstrong's personal "dossiers" of copies of articles, clippings, and correspondence that he exchanged with a variety of people writing or talking on the subject of health insurance, who either asked for his input or simply aroused his interest.*

Badgley, Dr. R.F.

- [Robin F.] (1968-1974)

Badgley, Dr. R.F. (2)

- part 2, includes notes on the response to the Badgley Report [Committee on the

Operation of the Abortion Law]. (1974-76)

**Box 9**

Banks, Dr. P.

- [Peter] (1972-1978)

Beck, R.G.

- study on the utilization of health services in Saskatchewan, copy of the questionnaire used, copy of project submission (1973-1976)

Brown, Colin

- (1968-1974)

Illich, Ivan

- (1976)

Kelly, Dr. A.D.

- [Arthur Dill] (1974-1977)

Lariche, Dr. H. [sic]

- [Harding LeRiche], includes copy of National Health Grant proposal (1973)

Maxwell, R.J.

- [Robert J.] includes a copy of his Health Care: The Growing Dilemma (1974-1975)

Reinhardt, Dr. Uwe E.

- includes correspondence on hospital costs and the corrections to one of his papers (1977)

Roemer, Milton I.

- (1972-1976)

Steinmetz, Nicholas

- (1973-1978)

Taylor, M. A.

- [Malcolm A.] correspondence and part of the manuscript for his book Health Insurance and Canadian Public Policy, which Dr. Armstrong reviewed (1976-1977)

***Material on Plasmapheresis***

Vancouver Red Cross

- correspondence re plasmapheresis license (1978-1979)



Hamilton Red Cross

- includes report on the techniques, identification method, donor suitability etc., and articles (1979)

[Loose documents on plasmapheresis]

- pamphlet on leukapheresis, an application for license under the Food and Drugs Act for the manufacture of products for sale (plasma etc.) by Canadian Plasmapheresis Centres, article on plasma exchange, news clippings (1979)

RH Institute Winnipeg

- checklist for a routine plant inspection (report), an article on "Column Prepared Rh Immune Globulin for Intravenous Use", sample identification labels, and correspondence (1979)

[General Correspondence]

- (1979)

Canadian Bioplasma Toronto

- correspondence, master procedures manual, and a report (1979)

Quebec Red Cross

- includes application for license and inspection report (1979)

Halifax Red Cross

- includes application for license and inspection report, and floor plan (1979)

Ottawa Red Cross

- clippings, sample labels, procedures manual (1979)

Winnipeg Red Cross

- articles, sample labels, procedures manual (1979)

[Articles]

- copies of short articles, Information Letter 535 from the Health Protection Branch, regarding plasmapheresis regulations (1979)

Edmonton Red Cross

- includes application for license and inspection report (1979)

Toronto Red Cross

- includes application for license and inspection report, and floor plan (1978)

[Hepatitis]

- articles (1980)

Montreal Red Cross

- includes application for license and inspection report (1979)

[Loose Documents -Connaught Labs]

- envelope from Connaught Labs with information leaflets on a variety of drugs produced by the lab (n.d.)

[Inspection Instructions]

- to be used prior to making an inspection of a plasmapheresis facility

[Interferon]

- articles and clippings (1980-1981)