

- 221 Correspondence and papers of Andrew Drummond (b. 1811), Canadian banker, and his sons, Charles, George, and Frank, business men. 1839-1923.

Presented to the Library by Miss Peggy Drummond, a descendant, in November 1984.

Material includes a variety of family letters as well as letters from Sir Sandford Fleming, Sir Oliver Mowat, and Sir John Schultz. Noteworthy items include early correspondence (1841-1848) relating to St. Andrew's Church in Ottawa; Andrew Drummond's reminiscences, dated 1896, describing his experience as an accountant and cashier in the Bank of Montreal in the 1837 Rebellion, the Fenian Raids, and during later disturbances; correspondence and scrapbooks on the attempt to promote the Hudson's Bay Railway, 1883-1890; papers re George Drummond's invention of a new typewriter, 1888-1889. Significant items are listed in more detail below.

Extent: 1½ boxes. 8 inches.
35 letters and two scrapbooks.

BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND

Andrew Drummond, born in Edinburgh in 1811, and a graduate of Edinburgh University, emigrated to Canada in 1833 to join his uncle, Robert Drummond, who was engaged in developing the Rideau Canal. After his uncle's death in 1834 Andrew joined the Commercial Bank of Canada in Kingston and in 1843 became Manager of the Bank in Ottawa. Subsequently he went into the Bank of Montreal, becoming Manager in Ottawa in 1846. He continued with this Bank until his retirement in 1885, and was still alive in 1898. In 1838 he married Margaret Sinclair, the niece and adopted daughter of Sir Oliver Mowat's father. Andrew and Margaret had nine children. Of these, Charles, in Winnipeg, was deeply involved in promoting the Hudson's Bay Railway (1888-1889); Frank, also of Winnipeg, was associated with the Northwest Navigation Company; George, of Ottawa, attempted to set up a Company to promote a new version of the typewriter invented by him (1888-89).

SELECTED ITEM LISTING

Letters to/from Andrew Drummond & his wife

- Box 1 1839, Sept. 26. Jane Redpath, Montreal, to Mrs. A Drummond, Kingston. A.L.S. Folder 3 p. Congratulations on birth of a son.
- 1841, Feb. 7. John Sinclair, Session Clerk, Edinburgh, to A. Drummond, Kingston. A.L.S. 1 leaf. Extract from birth and baptism records kept by the City of Edinburgh concerning Andrew Drummond's birth in 1811. Cover is marked "Par Steam Packet, Liverpool & Halifax".

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Letters to/from Andrew Drummond & his wife (cont.)

- Box 1 1846, May 14. William Bain, Perth, to A. Drummond, Bytown. A.L.S. Folder 1 leaf. Re appointment of ministers to preach at Bytown.
- Box 1 1857, Dec. 27. William Young, Edinburgh, to Rev. D. Evans, Richmond, Dalhousie District, Canada West. A.L.S. Folder 3 p. Colonial Committee grants Evans £60 to complete building two Presbyterian churches in his charge.
- 1848, Jan. 28. William Young, Edinburgh, to Andrew Drummond, Bytown. A.L.S. Folder 3 p. Appoints the Rev. Alexander Spence as minister of St. Andrew's Church, Bytown.
- 1872, June 27. Harry Drummond, Winnipeg, to Papa [Andrew Drummond] A.L.S. 4 folders 12 p. Gives his impression of Duluth and Brainard; describes laying railway track across the prairies.
- 1877, Mar. 26. Sir Sandford Fleming, Ottawa, to Andrew Drummond. A.L.S. 4 p. Encloses contribution for St. Andrew's Church.
- [188-?] April 26. Sir Sandford Fleming, Ottawa, to Andrew Drummond A.L.S. 3 p. Asks for information on the early history of Queen's University, Kingston.
- 1885, June 29. Sir Sandford Fleming, Ottawa, to Andrew Drummond. A.L.S. 2 p. Re publication of historical works on Queen's University.
- 1894, Aug. 9. Sir Oliver Mowat, Toronto, to Andrew Drummond, Ottawa. T.L.S. Folder 1 leaf. Requests information on early minister at St. Andrew's Church at Niagara.
- 1894, Aug. 15. Sir Oliver Mowat, Toronto, to Andrew Drummond, Ottawa. T.L.S. Folder 1 leaf. Thanks for the information.
- 1896, Dec. 9. Andrew Drummond, Ottawa, to Mrs. Duncan, Edinburgh. T.L. Copy. 3 p. Describes his experiences travelling in Upper Canada in the 1830's and as an accountant in the Bank of Montreal during the 1837 Rebellion and the Fenian Raids and later disturbances.

Letters to other family members

- 1876, Ap. 30. Harry Drummond, Winnipeg, to Charlie. A.L.S. Folder 3 p. Describes the Winnipeg winter and the coming of the first through boat.
- 1876, Dec. 22. Peter Redpath, London Eng., to Charles Drummond. A.L.S. Folder 4 p. Business matters re quarry and railway cars.

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- Box 1 1884, Mar. 5. John Schultz, Ottawa, to Charles Drummond. A.L.S. 4 folders. 14 p. Re financing the projected Hudson's Bay Railway.
- 1887, Jan. 21. George Drummond, Ottawa, to Frank Drummond, Winnipeg. A.L.S. 4 p. Discusses Frank's steam boiler invention. With printed prospectus.
- 1888, Feb. 23. George Drummond, Ottawa, to Frank Drummond, Winnipeg. T.L.S. 1 leaf. Re setting up the Drummond Typewriter Manufacturing Company. Encloses printed prospectus.
- 1888, July 25. George Drummond, Ottawa, to Frank. T.L.S. 1 leaf. Encloses photograph of typewriter.
- 1889, Feb. 2. George Drummond, Ottawa, to Frank. T.L.S. 1 leaf. Re patenting his typewriter.

Other material

2 railway passes issued to Frank Drummond and 1 ticket stub for the Chicago, Rock Island, & Pacific Railway Co., 1890-91. 1 pass for the Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway, 1890.

3 Photographs of Winnipeg, 1872, with copy of one photograph, and copies of two photographs not in collection.

Clippings about Frank A. Drummond and obituaries for him (1856 ? -1936)

Memo from Miss Drummond re papers placed in the Public Archives for safe keeping.

Certificates of stock for Gurney Gold Mines Ltd. and Sealrat Ranches Ltd.

- Box 2 2 scrapbooks containing clippings on the Hudson Bay Railway and on the topics (chiefly economic). 1883-1890. A few later clippings on the Boer War and later attempts to promote Hudson Bay trade routes.

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