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French, William  
Papers, 1960-1990.  
78 boxes (10 metres)

Papers for his tenure as successor to W.A. Deacon literary editor of The Globe and Mail. Includes correspondence with book reviewers and authors, drafts for his reviews, column articles, lectures and speeches, press releases for new books, and clippings.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Boxes  
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Letters received, 1960-1990. Box 33 also has two folders relating to Martin O'Malley's profile of French in The Review. One contains Morris Wolfe's attack in Canadian Forum, profiles in Books in Canada, Quill & Quire, and Canadian Book Information Centre Journal.

Letters divide into two periods, 1960-1971, when French was editing the Saturday book section and writing a Saturday column, and 1971-1990, when he wrote three columns a week. The first period had

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many letters from reviewers. The second had more responses to reviews from readers and authors.

1960-1971, Saturday Book Section and Column

- Box 1 1960 (Nov.)-1962 (Oct.), Correspondents include: Lester B. Pearson, Carl Klinck, Elizabeth Kilbourn, Harold Town, L.W. Brockington, Robert Weaver, Louis St. Laurent, Edmund Wilson, Jack McClelland, Ralph Allen, Thomas B. Costain, Arthur Hailey, Gerard Bessette, Mason Wade, Nik Cavell, Janet Lunn, John Wain, Viola Pratt, Ivor Brown.
- Box 2 1962 (Nov.)-1964 (Apr.), Correspondents include: J.S. Pickersgill, Sherwood Fox, Hugh Garner, W. A. Deacon, Olive Diefenbaker, Vincent Massey, Northrop Frye, Peter Newman, Derrick Murdoch.
- Box 3 1964 (May)-1965 (Apr.), Correspondents include: Howard Green, Morley Callaghan, W.A. Deacon, John Robert Colombo, Phyllis Grosskurth.
- Box 4 1965 (May)-1966 (Mar.), Correspondents include: Ralph Allen, Abraham Rotstein, E.J. Benson, George Drew, Mel Hurtig, Peter Desbarats, Harold Town, Morley Callaghan, Arthur Maloney, Ivor Brown, Gwendolyn MacEwen.
- Box 5 1966 (Apr.-Dec.), Correspondents include: Ivor Brown, Harold Town, Jack McClelland, Al Purdy, Earle Birney, Leslie Frost, Vincent Massey, Dale Thomson.
- Box 6 1967, Correspondents include: Irving Layton, Louis Melzack, Dora Hood, Vincent Massey, Morley Callaghan, Marian Engel, Dorothy Livesay, Robertson Davies, Nathan Phillips, John Diefenbaker.
- Box 7 1968, Correspondents include: Frederick G. Gardiner, Marian Engel, Michael Macklem, Mordecai Richler, Peter Newman, Max Ferguson, Austin Clarke, Eli Mandel, Robertson Davies, Michael Millgate, Joyce Carol Oates, Norman Levine.

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- Box 8 1969 (Jan.-Oct.), Correspondents include: Norman Levine, Joyce Carol Oates, Arthur L. Phelps, Farley Mowat, Marshall McLuhan, Dennis Lee, Claire Mowat, Douglas Fetherling, Robert Kroetsch, Judy LaMarsh.
- Box 9 1969 (Nov.)-1970 (Sept.), Correspondents include: Al Purdy, Margaret Laurence, June Callwood, Hugh Hood, Jack Ludwig, Dave Godfrey, Harry Bruce, Dennis Lee, Pierre Berton.
- Box 10 1970 (Oct.)-1971 (May), Correspondents include: Margaret Laurence, Richard Wright, Farley Mowat, Robertson Davies, Mason Wade, Anna Porter, Earle Birney, Mordecai Richler, Harold Town, Pierre Berton.
- 1971-1990, Three Columns a Week
- Box 11 1971 (June)- 1972 (Aug.), Correspondents include: Lincoln Alexander, Barry Callaghan, Tommy Douglas, Brandon Conron, Douglas O. Spettigue, Joseph Schull, Hugh Garner, A.R.M. Lower, David Niven, Max Braithwaite, Sylvia Fraser, Isabel Bassett, Norman DePoe, Ernest Buckler.
- Box 12 1972 (Sept.)-1973 (June), Correspondents include: Joy Fielding, Claude Bissell, Robertson Davies, James Gray, Isobel LeBourdais, Michael Macklem, Harry Boyle, Miriam Waddington, Shaun Herron, Robertson Davies.
- Box 13 1973 (July)-1974 (Sept.), Correspondents include: Robert Fulford, Lovat Dickson, Marian Engel, Norman Ward, Max Braithwaite, James Gray, Michael Macklem, Sinclair Ross, Clark Blaise.
- Box 14 1974 (Oct.)-1975 (Oct.), Correspondents include: Claude Bissell, Charles Ritchie, Morley Torgov, Richard Wright, Constance Beresford-Howe, Austin Clarke, Isabel LeBourdais, James Gray, Brian Moore, Hugh Hood, Al Purdy.
- Box 15 1975 (Nov.)-1976 (Dec.), Correspondents include: Lotta Dempsey, David Staines, Constance Beresford-Howe, Elizabeth Smart, Sylvia Fraser, Richard Rohmer, Milton Acorn, Jack McClelland, Alex Barris, Hugh Garner, Barry Broadfoot, Jack Hodgins.

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- Box 16 1977, Correspondents include: James Reaney, Walter Stewart, Jacques Hébert, Scott Symons, Sheila Burnford, Carol Shields, Gordon Sinclair, Norman Ward, Jim Christy, Barry Broadfoot, Oonah McFee, Silver Donald Cameron, May Cutler, Dennis Lee, Peter Newman, Clara Thomas, Hugh Hood, Reinhold Aman, Michael Yates, W.P. Kinsella, Jessie L. Beattie, Charles Ritchie, John de Visser.
- Box 17 1978 (Jan.)-1979 (July), Correspondents include: Dorothy Livesay, M.T. Kelly, Janet Lunn, Doris Anderson, John Diefenbaker, Peter Newman, Oonah McFee, Jessie Beattie, Hugh Hood, Barry Dempster, Constance Beresford-Howe, Douglas Gibson, Clark Blaise, Peter Desbarats, Jack MacLeod, John Coulter, Lovat Dickson, Barbara Grove (Hugh Garner's daughter).
- Box 18 1976-1978, Correspondents include: Christopher Ondaatje, Oonah McFee, Merle Shain, Crad Kilodney, Joey Slinger, Harold Macmillan, Bernard Ostry, Warren Talman, Clara Thomas, May Cutler, Barry Britnell.
- Box 19 1979 (Jan.)-1980 (Mar.), Correspondents include: Pauline McGibbon, June Callwood, John Robert Colombo, Barry Callaghan, Warren Tallman, Lovat Dickson, Michael Ondaatje, Al Purdy, Christopher Ondaatje, John Glassco, P.K. Page, Hugh Hood, Timothy Findley, Michael Macklem, Scott Symons, Ronald Bloore, Gordon Sinclair, Fred Bodsworth.
- Box 20 1980 (Apr.-Dec.), Correspondents include: Jack McClelland, Michael Bliss, Jack Cole, June Callwood, Howard Engle, Phyllis Grosskurth, W.P. Kinsella, May Cutler, Stuart Keate, Earle Birney.
- Box 21 1981 (Jan.-Oct.), Correspondents include: Louis Melzack, Christopher Dewdney, Ian MacLachlan, June Callwood, Shirley Gibson, Ramsay Cook, Gary Geddes, May Cutler, Louise Dennys, Thomas York, Claude Bissell, George Johnston, Robin Skelton, Douglas Gibson.
- Box 22 1981 (Nov.)-1982 (Aug.), Correspondents include: Henry Beissel, Janette Turner Hospital, William Toye, Elizabeth Woods, Jack MacLeod, Nancy Colbert, Susan Swan, W.P. Kinsella, Matie

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Molinaro, Christina Newman, Peter Newman, Clara Thomas, Jack McClelland.

Box 23 1982 (Sept.)-1983 (Mar.), Correspondents include: Claude Bissell, David Robinson, Phyllis Grosskurth, Hugh Hood, John Robert Colombo, Douglas LePan, Jack McClelland, Royd Beamish, John Metcalf, A.W. Trueman, June Callwood, Marjory Whitelaw, David Staines, Barry Broadfoot, Lovat Dickson, Joy Fielding, Sondra Gotlieb, Barry Broadfoot, Marian Engel.

Box 24 1983 (Apr.-Dec.), Correspondents include: Lynn Harrington, Timothy Findley, Harry Bruce, Silver Donald Cameron, Dorothy Livesay, Douglas Donegani and Janice Rapoport, Christina McCall, David Britnell (son of Roy Britnell), H.R. Percy, William Stephenson ("Intrepid"), Ron Haggart, Greg Gatenby, Malcolm Ross, Robert Harlow, John Lennox, Joan Murray, Barry Broadfoot, Barry Callaghan, Susan Musgrave.

Box 25 1984 (Jan.-Oct.), Correspondents include: Margaret Laurence, John Lennox, Joan Murray, Tania Long Daniell, H.R. Percy, Robert G. Collins, Audrey Thomas, Jack McClelland, Lesley Choyce, Gray Campbell, Kenneth M. Glazier, David Day, Merna Summers, Ken Adachi, Burke Campbell, Robert Fulford.

Box 26 1984 (Nov.)-1985 (Apr.), Correspondents include: Elspeth Cameron, John Ralston Saul, Michael Macklem, June Callwood, Helen Porter, Douglas Gibson, Mollie Gillen, Don Bailey, Peter Newman, Blair Laing, George McWhirter, Eugene Forsey, Adolph Hungry Wolf, Leo Heaps, Gary Geddes.

Box 27 1985 (May)-1986 (Mar.), Correspondents include: Peter Stursberg, David Warren, Eugene Forsey, Dennis Lee, James H. Gray, John Robert Colombo, George Grant, P.K. Page, Barry Callaghan, Dick Beddoes, H.R. Percy, Anthony Westell.

Box 28 1986 (Apr.-Dec.), Correspondents include: Michael Bliss, Erna Paris, Morton Mint, Heather Robertson, Janice Kulyk Keefer, Trevor Ferguson, Douglas How, Marjory Whitelaw, Reinhold Amman, Alison Acker,

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H.S. Bhabra, Douglas Leiterman, May Cutler, Gary Geddes.

Box 29 1987, Correspondents include: W.H. New, Aviva Layton, Jack MacLeod, Audrey Thomas, Barry Callaghan, Shaun Herron, Scott McIntyre, Farley Mowat, Anne Montagnes, David Watmough, Silver Donald Cameron, Norman Levine, Douglas Gibson, Janet Turnbull Irving, David Gurr, Dave McIntosh, George Woodcock, Douglas LePan, Clara Thomas, Helen Gougeon, John Ralston Saul.

Box 30 1988 (Jan.-Sept.), Correspondents include: Mollie Gillen, Barry Broadfoot, Gary Geddes, Phyllis Grosskurth, Clara Thomas, Adrienne Clarkson, Nora Keeling, John Metcalf, Mavor Moore, Robert Harlow, Leon Rooke, William Toye, Austin Clarke, Barry Broadfoot, Dennis Lee, Barbara Gowdy, Merle Shain, Harry Bruce.

Box 31 1988 (Oct.)-1989 (May), Correspondents include: Peter Stursberg, Bruce Hutchison, Hugh Hood, John Lennox, Avie Bennett, Heather Robertson, Barry Broadfoot, Jack MacLeod, Desmond Morton, Robert MacNeil, Kingsley Brown, Ron Haggart.

Box 32 1989 (June)-1990 (Apr.), Correspondents include: Heather Menzies, Phyllis Grosskurth, William Stevenson, Jan Walter, Lisa Herman, Martin Lynch, Marian Fowler, Dick Beddoes, David Frum, Al Purdy, Jane Urquhart, Gary Geddes.

Box 33 1989-1993, Correspondents include: Barry Broadfoot, Peter Newman, Tom Marshall, Matt Cohen, Janice Kulyk Keefer, Herbert Schwartz, Greg Gatenby, Douglas Gibson, Robert Weaver.

Selection of letters, 1986 to 1988, and other papers lent to Martin O'Malley for profile of French written for The Review, winter 1988. Includes letters from Barney Sandwell, Gertraud Baroness Neuman of Kara Bagh, Wendy Lill, Sydney Newman, Dominick Dunne, John Lennox, Hugh Hood, Robert Harlow, Lily Munro, Jane Urquhart, Patrick Roscoe, Marian Fowler, Robert Fitzhenry, Harold Horwood, Marilyn Powell, Phyllis Grosskurth, David Staines, Barry Broadfoot.

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"Response to Morris Wolfe attack in Canadian Forum." typescript. With Canadian Forum, November 1979.

"Interview [with William French] by Phil Surguy" in Books in Canada, May 1979, 38-40.

Box 34 Correspondence, 1956-1960, about articles in The Globe Magazine. Correspondence received and sent on his retirement from The Globe and Mail, June, 1990.

Boxes 35-41 Letters sent 1960-1990. Many of the remaining boxes, especially those with drafts of articles or lectures, contain additional correspondence relating to specific projects.

Box 35 1961-1963

Box 36 1964-1965

Box 37 1966-1967 (July)

Box 38 1967 (Aug.)-1969 (Mar.)

Box 39 1969 (Apr.)-1971 (June)

Box 40 1971 (July)-1978 (Apr.)

Box 41 1978 (May)-1992 (Apr.)

**WRITINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Boxes 42-52 Notes for reviews, mainly for The Globe and Mail. Include manuscript and typescript notes.

Boxes 53-56 Sources for column articles. Include manuscript and typescript notes, and clippings.

Boxes 57-58 Accounts. (Lists payment made to all book reviewers, 1960-71.)

Include manuscript or typescript drafts as well as research materials for articles and lectures. Some files have correspondence.



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- Box 59 YMCA talk, 1965 and External Affairs, 1968. Editor of Forum House series, Canadian Writers and Critics, 1967-72. Lecture to Gerald Lampert's Creative Writing Workshop at Ryerson, 1969-72. Lecture at College of Education seminar for John Stevens, 1969. Canadian Booksellers Association panel, 1969. Stanley House Conference sponsored by Canada Council, 1969, on the state of book reviewing in Canada, with French as chairman, led to founding of Books in Canada. Chapter for Visions 2020, edited by Stephen Clarkson (1970) for 50th anniversary of The Canadian Forum.
- Box 60 Typescript of reply by French to "The Canadian Publishers", by Dave Godfrey in Canadian Literature, no. 57, summer, 1973, 65-82, CBC documentary on new publishers written by French, 1973. Article on Hugh MacLennan for Book of the Month Club News, 1974. Script on Canadian magazines, for "Arts in Review", a CBC programme, 1974. "Women Writers in Canada," for The Imperial Oil Review, 1975. Notes for Sudbury speech, 1975 (no text). Article on Canadian Literature for The Imperial Oil Review, 1977. Summer course in critical writing at Canadore College, North Bay, 1979. Article on The Canadian Short Story, for The Review, 1981. Camping story for The Review, 1984.
- Box 61 Articles on Jacques Hébert and Gray Campbell. Publishers' symposium for Globe Magazine (1961). Malcolm Lowry for Globe Magazine 1962. Centennial salute to CanLit for The Christian Century, 1967. Love and CanLit, post-In Praise of Older Women. Booklists for Maclean's, 1970. PEN Canada reactivated, 1985. Isabel LeBourdais and the Truscott Book, 1966. Dictionary of Canadian Biography, 1965. Book censorship, 1965. John Kenneth Galbraith interview and article. E.J. Pratt interview and article.
- Box 62 W.A. Deacon's critique of reviewers , 1960. Article on Louis Melzack, 1967, and on his opening of the New York store. Bicentennial piece on Beethoven for Globe magazine (reprinted in Macmillan book). Notes on Hemingway for CBC Don Sims show. Technical data, 1960. Book of the Month Club trip to its fulfillment and computer centre in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, 1971.

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Interview with Jeffrey Archer about his first novel. Sandra Gotlieb in Washington, 1982. Governor-General Awards ceremony, 1969, featuring Leonard Cohen. Graham Greene's 80th birthday, September, 1984. Dennis Lee's critique of The Telephone Pole. Reviews by other reviewers. Other feature stories on books and authors.

- Box 63 For Love of Books, 1977. Censorship and the Sixties [1979?]. Kathleen Coburn, 1962, for The Times. Joy Fielding, 1982. Notes and correspondence for "What Eminent Canadians Read during 1965". (Special feature for December 25, lots of letters.) Children's section, 1966 and 1967. National Book Festival 1980, 1983, and 1986. Roy Britnell (obituary). Speaking of Books, CBC 1970. Article on Canadian literature for Collier's Yearbook, 1966 and 1967. Proposed trip to Europe in search of Canadian literature for CBC.
- Box 64 Europe and CanLit, documentary for CBC, with 2 unedited tapes of interviews with Margaret Atwood, Alice Munro, Morley Callaghan, Naim Kattan and David Staines. Notes for stories on H.R. Percy, Oxford English Dictionary, Montreal International Book Fair, Book clubs for CBC.
- Box 65 File on The Young Revolutionary writers of Quebec, documentary for CBC [1965?] plus articles in The Globe Magazine that won the University of Western Ontario President's Medal as Best General Magazine Article for 1965. Obituary tribute to Ethel Wilson for CBC. Writers Union annual general meeting files from inaugural meeting in 1973, 1976.
- Box 66 Writers Union annual general meeting files continued, 1977-1985, plus 10th anniversary retrospective.
- Box 67 Book Publishing and Public Policy Conference, 1981. Calgary Conference on Canadian Novel, 1978. New York Conference on Canadian Publishing, 1986. Commentary on Royal Commission on Publishing, 1973, for Saturday Night, CBC. Clery Report on Book Promotion, 1970. Swedish newspaper with

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stories on Canadian authors, 1984. Canadian Novels for Young Canadians. Feature article on literary agents. Book packagers. Article on censorship for Canadian Conference of the Arts magazine (1978). Article on the state of Canadian literature for The Review (1979). Night of 100 authors.

- Box 68 Literary awards. Correspondence with Reader's Digest Condensed Books. Annual pieces on Toronto for Encyclopedia Year Book. Elizabeth Smart interview in England for The Globe and Mail.
- Box 69 Western trip, 1973. Story ideas for column. Seminar at Cambridge University [1987?] Literary landmarks of England for Destinations, 1988.
- Box 70 Margaret Laurence interview for The Globe and Mail [1984?] Mel Hurtig and the Canadian Encyclopedia. Interview with David Adams Richards for The Globe and Mail. Vevtushenko visit. Letters from potential reviewers. Schedule of reviews, 1966-1968.
- Box 71 Schedule of reviews, 1969-1970. Article for The Review, 1987 about Saturday Night's centennial. Article about the Canadian Embassy in Washington for The Review, 1986. Proposed trip to the Soviet Union, 1984. Memorial speech for Ken Adachi, 1989. Leo Simpson's Canada Council application. Retrospective of the 80s, for The Globe and Mail. Paperbacks. Statistics Canada on CanLit. Evelyn Woods reading course.
- Box 72 Brandon University lecture, 1981. Dalhousie University lecture, 1983. Canada Council Periodicals Committee meetings. Ontario Arts Council Periodicals Committee.
- Box 73 Bookmen's Lunch Club, 1963-1990. Honorary doctorate, University of Western Ontario with text of speech. Irving Layton notes and correspondence, including file on libel suit.
- Box 74 Article on Booksellers for The Review. Notes on the University of Calgary literary archives for The Globe and Mail. Arctic literature.

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Manuscript for history of Forest Hill Village,  
1961; book published in 1963.

**EPHEMERA**

Boxes 75-76 Ephemera. Includes invitations, book promotions,  
press releases, clippings. Some are also found  
with correspondence and notes for columns and  
articles. mainly 1967-1979.

Boxes 77-78 Press Releases.