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**ROBERTS PAPERS**

Collection of five letters and one presentation typescript from, two photographs of, and mounted newspaper clippings about Sir Charles George Douglas Roberts (1860-1943) and one letter from Theodore Goodridge Roberts (1877-1953) his youngest brother.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Sir Charles George Douglas Roberts (1860-1943), a poet and animal story writer, was born at Douglas, York County, New Brunswick, and educated at the University of New Brunswick (B.A., 1879, M.S., 1881, and L.L.D., 1906). From 1879 to 1883 he taught school in Chatham and Fredericton, New Brunswick, from 1883 to 1884 he edited The Week, from 1885 to 1895 he taught at King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, and from 1897 to 1907 he lived and wrote in New York. In 1907 he went to Europe, settling in England in 1911. During the First World War he served with the British Army and then with the Canadian Army. In 1925 he returned to Toronto where he lived until he died in 1943. During his stay in Toronto, he continued to write, and he lectured. These letters reflect some of his activities, and his friendship with William Arthur Deacon to whom he presented the typescript, Iceberg, in 1931, three years before it was published (1934).

Theodore Goodridge Roberts (1877-1953), a poet, novelist, military historian and youngest brother of Sir Charles, was born at Fredericton, New Brunswick. Educated at the University of New Brunswick, he was a war correspondent during the Spanish-American war for the Independent (New York). During the First World War he served in the Canadian Army. Although he published thirty novels and several volumes of military history his poetry was better known, especially The Leather Bottle (1934). During 1930 he edited and published Acadie, a journal which had seven issues.

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CONTAINER LIST

- 1899      Jan. 23      To Mr. Hutchinson, New York.  
A.L.S. Folder 2 leaves.  
Thanks him for the birthday greeting and  
mentions his travel plans for the  
spring.
- 1906      Nov. 27      To Mr. Hathaway, New York. A.L.S.  
Folder 3 p.  
Is unable to answer his letter fully but  
will do so before the end of the next  
week. Refers to his childhood in  
Fredericton, and Westcock, near  
Sackville, at the mouth of the Tantrammar  
River, and to his novel The Heart That  
Knows.
- 1941      June 12      To Mrs. Elsinore Haultain, Toronto.  
Toronto. A.L.S. Folder 2 leaves.  
Thanks her for sending reviews of Canada  
Speaks of Britain. With envelope.
- 1942      June 12      To P.G. [Percy Ghent] Toronto. A.L.S.  
Folder 1 leaf.  
Thanks him for the begonias and the good  
wishes sent on his birthday. Invites  
him to visit and to join the Canadian  
Authors' Association.
- 1943      June 20      To [W.A. Deacon] Toronto. A.L.S.  
Folder 1 leaf.  
Thanks him for the review of Elsie  
Pomeroy's biography of Roberts.

Roberts, Charles George Douglas  
Iceberg. 1931. Typescript. 6 leaves.  
Inscribed to W.A.D. [William Arthur  
Deacon]

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1930      May 6      Roberts, Theodore Goodridge to Miss  
Woodworth, Fredericton. A.L.S. 1  
leaf.  
Asks her permission to publish in  
Acadie two of her poems, "Between  
Trains", and "Toil".

Photograph of C.G.D. Roberts, Bliss Carman, and  
child at Muskoka Assembly, 1927.

Photograph, signed, of C.G.D. Roberts, June 1933.

Collection of newspaper clippings about C.G.D.  
Roberts, 1943-1985.