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Summary information

Repository:	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
Title:	Josiah Jones Bell fonds
ID:	MSS 157
Photograph Collection [alternative]:	PC 163
Date:	[187-?]-[1931?] (date of creation)
Physical description:	1.49 m of textual records and other material
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [generalNote]:	Preferred citation: Josiah Jones Bell fonds

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Josiah Jones Bell was born to Robert and Emeline Sedate (ne Jones) Bell in the 1800s in Carleton Place, Beckwith Township, Lanark County, Ontario. He had a sister, Isabella, and a brother, Robert William. Bell was an Ensign with the Ontario Battalion in Colonel Garnet Wolseley's Red River Expedition of 1870. The expedition was intended to exert Canadian sovereignty in the newly created Province of Manitoba. Bell passed away on 23 October 1931 in Rockcliffe, Carleton County, Ontario.

Custodial history

The records appear to have been in the possession of R. (Robert) Murray Bell in 1966, as he was responsible for lending the records to the Department of Public Records and Archives in Toronto (now the Archives of Ontario) for microfilming purposes that same year. R. Murray Bell was the grandson of J.J. Bell's brother, Robert William. The University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections purchased the fonds in 2001 from Hugh Anson-Cartwright, an antiquarian bookseller located in Toronto, with funds from the Frank Allen Family Research Fund and the Archives' Alumni Association Fund.

Source: R. Murray Bell obituary, "Toronto Globe & Mail," 14 August 1998, p. A11

Scope and content

The fonds consists of material pertaining to Bell's activities in the Wolseley Expedition. It documents the Expedition's journey to the Red River Settlement, its return to Thunder Bay, and its work in exploring and laying telegraph lines in the west from 1875 to 1876. In addition to the 1.49 m of textual records the fonds includes 27 photographs, 37 lantern slides and 3 maps (including one plan). The articles and lantern slides relate to a presentation Bell gave in later years on the history of these events.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

This collection is organized into eleven series.

Alternative form available

"Digitized material":<http://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3Abell>

"Canadian Wartime Experience":http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/canada_war/bell/website/index.shtml

"Landmarks, Monuments & Built Heritage of the West":http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/digital/built_heritage/bell.html

"Manitoba Historical Maps' Photostream":<http://www.flickr.com/photos/manitobamaps/sets/72157622868092934/>

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on this material.

Conditions governing use

Users must abide by relevant copyright legislation.

Finding aids

A finding aid can be generated from this description.

Related material

The Archives of Ontario maintains one reel of microfilm (Accession Number 4310, MS 145) copied in 1966 from the textual records found in this fonds.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Series descriptions

Published Material

Date: 1898-1899 (date of creation)

Physical description: (3)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Item - The Canadian Magazine, Vol. XII, No. 1	November 1898		A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0001
	Item - The Canadian Magazine, Vol. XII, No. 2	December 1898		A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0001
	Item - The Canadian Magazine, Vol. XII, No. 3	January 1899		A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0001
	Item - Minutes of Proceedings of the Senate of Canada, No. 6	24 March 1899		A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0001

Newspaper Clippings

Date: [187-?]-[1931?] (date of creation)

Physical description: (3)

Publication status:

published

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Image of "Old Fort Garry"	[187-?]-[1931?]		A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0002
	File - Toronto World	8 September 1900		A2001-054, File 0003 MC
	File - Manitoba Free Press	16 July 1904		A2001-054, File 0003 MC

Diaries

Date: 1870-1878 (date of creation)

Physical description: (4)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - The Canadian Pocket Diary	1875-1876		A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0003
	File - Pocket diary	1870		A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0003
	File - The Canadian Pocket Diary for 1876	1876-1878		A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0004
	File - Diary	1871		A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0004

Correspondence

Date: 1895 (date of creation)

Physical description: (2)

Publication status:

published

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container

	File - A.M. Fleury d'Eachambault to J.J. Bell	6 September 1895	A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0005
	File - James Thomas to J.J. Bell	11 September 1895	A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0005

Military Documents

Date: 1870, 1874 (date of creation)

Physical description: (5)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - "Proposed appropriation of Buildings in Fort Garry as Barracks for 1st Ont. Rifles ... (signed) 9/9/70 ... Wolseley"			A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0006
	File - "Proposed appropriation of Buildings in Lower Fort as Barracks for the Quebec Rifles ... [signed] ... Wolseley ... Fort Garry 9/9/70"			A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0006
	File - Schedule of "Red River Expeditionary Force - Lake Shebandowan to Fort Francis" for "Genl. Departmental & Regtl. Staff"	[187-]		A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0006
	File - Dominion Lands. Military Bounty Grant to Josiah Jones Bell	20 January 1874		A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0007
	File - Dominion Lands. Military Bounty Grant to Josiah Jones Bell	26 January 1874		A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0007
	File - Dominion Lands. Military Bounty Grant to James Patterson	26 January 1874		A2001-054, Box 0001 File 0007

Maps

Date: 1869-1874 (date of creation)

Physical description: (3)

Note:

Map Cabinet #2

Access points:

- Cartographic material (documentary form)

<u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Item - "Plan of Magnus Brown's Homestead Addition to Winnipeg"	[1874?]		A2001-054, File 0003 MC
	Item - "Map Showing the Line of Route between Lake Superior and Red River Settlement. Compiled from S.J. Dawson's Exploratory Surveys ... by A.L. Russell"	1869		A2001-054, File 0003 MC
	Item - "Plan Shewing the Proposed Route from Lake Superior to the Red River Settlement. Compiled from ... Dawson & Napier's Maps 1870 ... Profile of Canoe Route as handed in by Professor Hind."	1870		A2001-054, File 0003 MC
Series MSS 157-PC 163: Photographs - Portraits & Groups				
<u>Date:</u> [187-?]-[1931?] (date of creation)				
<u>Physical description:</u> (5 sepia tone)				
<u>Access points:</u>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graphic material (documentary form) 				
<u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - "Mackazis or Fox Cree chief"	[187-?]-[1931?]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0001
	File - "Kabadakwesis or Big Ears Chippewa Chief"	[187-?]-[1931?]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0001
	File - "Hon. Wm. McDougall"	[187-?]-[1931?]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0001
	File - "Red River Expedition - Riel's Council"	[187-]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0001
	File - "Copyright G Moodie. The Sun Dance - Reserve near Battleford"	1896		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0001
Series MSS 157-PC 163: Photographs - Landscapes				
<u>Date:</u> [187-] (date of creation)				

<u>Physical description:</u> (3 sepia tone)
<u>Publication status:</u> published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - "Red River Expedition - Dog trains"	[187-]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0002
	File - "Red River Expedition - View from South bank of the Assiniboine River opposite Fort Garry..."	[187-]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0002
	File - "Red River Expedition. Town of Winnipeg"	[187-]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0002

Series MSS 157-PC 163: Photographs - Illustrations

Date: [187-?]-[1931?] (date of creation)

Physical description: (11 sepia tone)

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - "Prairie Camp - Red River"	[187-?]-[1931?]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0003
	File - "Red River Expedition - Fort Garry ... from a sketch by Mr. Hind"	[187-]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0003
	File - "Red River Expedition - An incident in garrison life. No. 1"	[187-]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0003
	File - "Red River Expedition - An incident in garrison life. No. 2"	[187-]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0003
	File - "Red River Expedition - View below the last rapid on the Winnipeg - From a sketch by Meade"	[187-]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0003
	File - "Red River Expedition - Running Les Dalles rapids ... from a sketch by Supt.[?] Douglas"	[187-]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0003

	File - "Red River Expedition - Looking up the Assiniboine River, Fort Garry on the right ... from a sketch by Hind" [187-]	A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0003
	File - "Red River Expedition - Fort Alexander ... From a sketch by Meade" [187-]	A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0003
	File - "Red River Expedition - Fort Garry - From a ... sketch by Supt.[?] Douglas" [187-]	A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0003
	File - "Red River Expedition. Lower Fort Garry" [187-]	A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0003
	File - Unidentified campsite with boat "Passport" in left foreground [187-?]-[1931?] [187-?]-[1931?]	A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0003

Series MSS 157-PC 163: Photographs - Miscellaneous

Date: [187-?]-[1931?] (date of creation)

Physical description: (8)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - "Old H.B.Co's. House. Officers quarters at Soo. Ste. Marie"	[187-?]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0004
	File - "Teamsters at Dinner. Dawson Road"	[187-?]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0004
	File - "1st Ont Rifles. Camped at Sault Ste Marie Ont"	[187-?]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0004
	File - "The Bell monument in Perth Cemetery"	[187-?]-[1931?]		A2001-054, Box 0002 File 0004

Series MSS 157-PC 163: Lantern Slides

Date: [187-?]-[1931?] (date of creation)

Physical description: (37)

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - "Fort Garry"			A2001-054, Box 0003 File 0001
	File - "Winnipeg etc."			A2001-054, Box 0003 File 0002
	File - "Riel etc"			A2001-054, Box 0003 File 0003
	File - "Expedition on Dawson Trail"			A2001-054, Box 0003 File 0004