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Summary information

Repository:	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
Title:	T.B. Robertson fonds
ID:	A2010-051
MSS [alternative]:	330
PC [alternative]:	294
Date:	1910-1936; predominant 1926-1936 (date of creation)
Physical description:	0.065 m of textual records and 4 printed copies of photographs
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Thomas B. Robertson was born in Glasgow in 1879, where he worked as a printer in his youth. In 1910, Robertson left Scotland for Canada, settling first in Alberta and then in British Columbia for a time. In order to support his small family, Robertson held a variety of jobs, working by turns as a farmer, market gardener, worker in lumber camps, and printer. When Robertson moved to Winnipeg in 1916, he found a job as a writer and compositor for a Labour weekly where he worked until joining the staff at the Free Press in 1918. Over the next eighteen years, Robertson not only became assistant editor-in-chief at the Free Press, but gained national acclaim for his contributions to the newspaper's editorial page. As well as writing well-received editorial columns on a variety of subjects, Robertson published *The Fighting Bishop* (1925), a book about the life of John Strachan, the first Anglican Bishop of Toronto. Although nationally known for his writing, Robertson was a shy and private man, who spent his spare time going to films and listening to nautical yarns at the Cutty Shark Club. After Robertson's sudden passing from stroke in January 1936, The MacMillan Company of Canada published a volume of his newspaper articles with the title *T.B.R.: newspaper pieces*. This volume, put together by Robertson's long time colleague J.B. McGeachy, was a great success and was awarded the prize offered by Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada, for the best prose work other than fiction published in Canada in 1936. The award was accepted in Toronto by Robertson's son George. A second volume of Robertson's newspaper articles was printed by MacMillan in 1937 under the title *A Second Helping of Newspaper Pieces*.

Custodial history

The fonds was donated to the University of Manitoba Archives and Special Collections by Kathy Long in 2010.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of four series: Newspaper Clippings, Correspondence, Membership Certification, and Printed Copies of Photographs. The photographic collection consists of four black and white photographs, which have been scanned and printed onto glossy photo-paper.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use

There are no restrictions on use.

Finding aids

A finding aid can be downloaded from the fonds-level description by clicking on the "Download" link under "Finding Aid" on the right-hand side of the screen.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
 - **Level of detail:** Partial
 - **Status description:** Draft
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Access points

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
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Series descriptions

Newspaper Clippings

Date: 1917-1936, predominant 1935-1936 (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Clippings and typed editorials	1917-1936, predominant 1936		A2010-051, Box 0001 File 00001

CorrespondenceDate: 1910-1936, predominant 1926-1936 (date of creation)Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Personal Letters	1910-1936, predominant 1936		A2010-051, Box 0001 File 00002
	File - Letters to the Editor	1919-1934, predominant 1927-1934		A2010-051, Box 0001 File 00003
	File - Letters re: Publications	1926-1931		A2010-051, Box 0001 File 00004
	File - Letters re: Reviews	1926-1931		A2010-051, Box 0001 File 00005
	File - Letters re: Society and Membership Activities	1929-1933		A2010-051, Box 0001 File 00006

Membership CertificationDate: 1922-1928 (date of creation)Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Admission Cards	1922-1928		A2010-051, Box 0001 File 00007
Series A2010-051-PC 294: Photographic Materials				
<u>Date:</u> [ca.1910] (date of creation)				
<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 - Farmyard Photographs taken in Alberta, Canada	[ca.1910]		A2010-051, Box 0001 File 00008