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Summary information

Repository:	New Brunswick Museum
Title:	Allan H. Wetmore
ID:	ID2472
Date:	1877-1934 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	5 cm of textual records

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Allan Hudson Wetmore (1868-1948) was born at Clifton, Kings County, New Brunswick, the son of Richard Whelpley Wetmore (1834-1922), a mechanic and farmer, and Charlotte Jane Flewelling (b. 1837). In 1895 Allan H. Wetmore married Maude H. Dearborn (1871-1962) of Melrose, Massachusetts, the daughter of John Newman Dearborn (b. 1846) and Claire Haskell (b. 1845). They had two sons: Clarence Rolla (b.1897) and Selby Kavanagh (b.1906).

Allan H. Wetmore began work as a clerk and a bookkeeper. By 1920, he was secretary-treasurer with Puddington, Wetmore, Morrison, wholesale grocers in Saint John, and manager-director of Canada Spice and Specialty Mills, manufacturers of high grade food products. Their office was located on Prince William Street and their mill and warehouse was at 32-38 Water Street. Allan Wetmore was retired by 1940.

Allan Wetmore was a member of the Saint John Board of Trade from at least 1913, served on the executive council, was elected as vice-president in 1915 and served on the following committees; membership and finance; publicity; civics; industries; Valley Railway and vocational education. On 4 May 1914, he presented a paper on the metric system to the Board of Trade meeting. The Board of Trade adopted a resolution in favour of this system and sent copies to Dr. J.W. Daniel, M.P. for Saint John, and to the Inland Revenue Department and the Decimal Association in England. Allan H. Wetmore was also a member of a literary society called the Fortnightly Club from 1905 and was elected vice-president for 1934-1935 season.

Sources: Saint John City Directory, 1890-1891, 1900, 1910, 1915, 1920, 1930, 1940; Saint John Board of Trade, S-148, 1914 minutes; Fortnightly Club, S-35, minutes 1899-1934

Custodial history

Information about the custody of these records prior to acquisition is incomplete.

Scope and content

The collection consists of the typescripts of 2 papers delivered by Wetmore, newspaper photographs, a legal document, and printed material about the metric system. One of the papers, delivered to the Fortnightly Club in Saint John on 18 February 1934, contains a wealth of information about buildings (architecture) in Saint John. The other paper, delivered 4 May 1914 to the Saint John Board of Trade, discusses the advantages of the metric system. Copies of this paper may have been sent with the Saint John Board of Trade's resolution on adoption of the metric system to Dr. J.W. Daniel, M.P., and to the Inland Revenue Department and the Decimal Association in London, England.

There are also photographs clipped from the Saint John "Evening Times Globe", sometime in the 1930s, showing Breeze's Corner (location is present day Bank of Nova Scotia, Charlotte Street) as it appeared in the 1930s and during the 1880s.

There is a contract, 1877, between John Magee of Saint John and H.H. Bowie & Co. of Montreal, Quebec for the construction of a villa, of brick and stone, at Mecklenburg Terrace. The architects were Croff & Camp, of New York. Details of construction, materials, and costs are provided. A John Magee was living at 17 Mecklenburg Street shortly before the fire which destroyed much of Saint John in 1877 and he is likely the same individual.

There is a typed copy of an Act to amend the Weights and Measures Act, pertaining to the metric system. There is also a copy of the resolution adopted by the Senate of the University of Toronto, 12 November 1913, in support of the metric system. A few letters (1914) addressed to Allan Wetmore from the Federal Government of Canada regarding the metric system are included in this collection.

The printed material includes a brochure (1907) printed for the Kennebecasis Steamship Company with route maps, timetables, prices and photographs (some by Erb & Son, photographers) of the scenery en route. There is also a large chart entitled, "A Popular Explanation of the Metric System of Weights and Measures," issued by the Decimal Association of London, England.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on contents.

Physical condition

The metrics chart in damaged condition. It is large and has been folded, resulting in cracks on the folds. There is also some separation between paper and cloth backing. Requires cleaning.

Immediate source of acquisition

Acquired from A.H. Wetmore, Saint John, N.B., in 1934 and 1939.

Location of originals

S-156

Restrictions on access

No restrictions

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
 - Kings County (place)
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Collection holdings
