

FONDS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

Fonds/Collection No: F0446

Title: Robert H. Winters fonds

Dates: 1922-1969, predominant 1950-1969

Extent: 60 cm of textual records
25 cm of photographs : b&w
8 scrapbooks

Biographical Sketch/
Administrative
History Robert Henry Winters (1910-1969), politician and businessman, was member of parliament for Lunenburg (1945-1957) and served as minister of Reconstruction & Supply, Resources and Development, and of Public Works (1948-1957). Defeated in 1957, he became president of Rio Tinto Mining Co. (Rio Algom Mines). In 1965 he returned to politics as the member for York and to the cabinet as Minister of Trade and Commerce. Defeated in his bid for the Liberal Party leadership (1968), he retired from politics and became president of Brazilian Light and Power Co. (now Brascan). Winters also served as chairman of the Board of Governors of York University (1960-1965) and that school named one of its first colleges in his honour.

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of business and political correspondence, records relating to Robert Henry Winter's membership on the York University Board of Governors, and scrapbooks detailing his business and political careers.

Restrictions on
Access and Use Access is open.

Finding Aid: File list available.

Accruals: The fonds includes material from the following accrual: 1972-007.

Provenance Access
Points: Winters, Robert Henry, 1910-1969

SERIES LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

The correspondence contains letters of congratulations and condolence to political candidates in the 1968 federal election, to members of the government and civil servants with whom Winters had served, and to former constituents and voters.

There is also material on Winters social activities in clubs, his fund-raising activity on behalf of hospitals and the Canadian Institute for International Affairs, and copies of speeches as well as invitations to give addresses.

In addition, there are memoranda, correspondence, notices of meetings and related material dealing with the Board of Governors of York University, including appeals from prospective students and parents of prospective students appealing to Winters to intercede with university admissions officers on their behalf.

The fonds also contains dozens of photographs, many dated, concerning Winters career, his family, and recreational activities in Canada and abroad, from 1927 to 1969. In addition, there are scrapbooks which contain newspaper clippings, invitations, photographs, dealing with foreign travel as a federal cabinet minister, and in his capacity as a businessman, and his political career in general.

CALL NUMBER**FILE LIST****1972-007/001**

- (01) Biographical - Robert H. Winters, Lists of Corporation Directors
- (02) Burns Bros. & Denton. 1967-1968
- (03) Clubs - York Club, etc., 1959-1968
- (04) Clubs - Echo Beach Fishing Club. 1966-1968
- (05) Campaigns for Contributions. 1968-1969
- (06) Conferences. 1968-1969
- (07) Congratulatory Letters - re Business and Corporation appointments. 1968 Family. 1968-1969
- (08) Federal Election 1968
- (09) Government - Federal. 1968
- (10) Government - Federal. 1969
- (11) Family, 1968-1969

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- (01) Government - Provincial. 1968-1969
- (02) Government - International. 1968-1969
- (03) Government Pension. 1966-1968
- (04) Holidays. 1968-1969
- (05) Lunenburg Fishing Museum. 1968-1969
- (06) Nova Scotia. 1968-1969
- (07) Rio Algom Mines Limited Agreement 1963
- (08) Speeches & Invitations - Invitations. 1968-1969
- (09) Speeches & Invitations - Chemical Bank Dinner 1968
- (10) Speeches & Invitations - Speeches 1968
- (11) Speeches & Invitations - Speeches, 1967-1969

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- (01) York University. 1968-1969
- (02) York University - By Laws. 1964
- (03) York University - Endowment Fund. 1961-1965
- (04) Miscellaneous - Personal. 1968
- (05) Miscellaneous - Personal. January - June 1969
- (06) Miscellaneous - Personal. June - December 1969

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- (01) Photographs, 1934-1968

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- (01) Photographs, 1929-1956
- (02) Photographs, 1946-1956

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- (03) Scrapbook - newspaper clippings, 1942-1949
- (04) Excerpts from "My Years with Louis Laurent"

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- (01) Newspaper articles, correspondence, and magazines, ca. 1922-1970

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- (01) Scrapbook pages - newspaper clippings, 1943-1961;
correspondence, 1945; photographs
- (02) "The First 6 Years" - photographs, 1948-1955
- (03) Hungary - photographs, 1966
- (04) Visit to Europe - photographs and newspaper clippings, May-June,
1954