

MJ-37

Co-operative Commonwealth Federation fonds. - [textual record]. - 1938-1947,
Predominant 1943-1947. - 9.50 cm of textual records.

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Administrative history

The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) political party was founded in August 1932 in Calgary at a conference uniting various farm, labour and socialist groups. James Shaver Woodsworth led the federal party from its inception until shortly before his death in 1942. In 1934 five members of the CCF were elected to the Saskatchewan Legislature, the first to sit in any legislature or parliament in Canada. In 1935, seven CCF members were elected to the House of Commons. In the 1945 federal election the CCF won 29 seats, 18 in Saskatchewan. The Moose Jaw Federal Constituency was represented by W. Ross Thatcher of the CCF party. In 1961 a merger between the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation and the Canadian Labour Congress created the New Democratic Party of Canada. Tommy Douglas, the long-time CCF Premier of Saskatchewan was elected the party's first leader.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of two series. The Federation business includes minutes of meetings, membership lists, and correspondence covering the years 1943-1947. The second series includes lists of electors, reports, poll census forms, statements, returns, and election tally sheets of the 1945 Federal Election, as well as reports and correspondence of the CCF Victory Fund, 1944-1945. Two editions of "The CCF in the Legislature" (1941 with 1942 supplement and 1943) were transferred to the Library Collection.

Physical condition

Many of the newsprint sheets are brittle, torn and tattered.

Conservation note

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2004.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

Accession number 37.BA donated to the archives by Olive Wells of Tuxford.

Associated Materials

"The CCF in the Legislature", April 1941 edition, with May 1942 supplement, and "The CCF in the Legislature", 1943 have been transferred to the archival books collection.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

MJ-37/1 - Federation Business. - [textual record]. - 1943-1947. - 4.00 cm of textual records.
Box V-26

This series consists of minutes, membership lists and correspondence of the CCF Party.

001 - Minutes of meetings of Moose Jaw Federal Constituency CCF 1943-1944

002 - Minutes of meetings of Moose Jaw Federal Constituency CCF Executive 1944-1945

003 - Membership list for Tugaske, SK 1946

004 - Membership lists for Mortlach, SK 1946, 1947

005 - Membership list of the Federal Constituency CCF executive and Women's Club [194-]

006 - Book of names and addresses of voters, and guest register for a CCF tea 1944

007 - Correspondence 1943-1947

MJ-37/2 - Federal Election. - [textual record]. - 1944-1945. - 5.50 cm of textual records.
Boxes V-26, H-33

This series consists of material pertaining to the Canadian Federal Election of 1945.

001 - List of Electors/Poll Census 1944-1945

002 - Organizers reports, lists of electors, poll census for Caron, Sk. And area 1945

003 - Organizers reports, lists of electors, poll census forms for Mortlach, SK and area 1945

004 - Poll statements 1945

005 - Poll returns 1945

006 - Election tally sheets 1945

007 - CCF Victory Fund, reports and correspondence 1944-1945