



## MG 6 – E.H. Oliver fonds

**Dates:** 1870-1935 (inclusive); 1914-1932 (predominant).

**Extent:** 63.5 cm of textual records.

**Biography:** Edmund Henry Oliver was born on 8 February 1881 at Chatham Township, Ontario. From 1892-1898 he attended the Chatham Collegiate Institute, where he was awarded the Matthew Wilson Gold Medal for general proficiency, and the Edward Blake Scholarship, which enabled him to enter the University of Toronto, where he also served for two years as an Instructor in Greek. Oliver went on to Columbia University, from which he received a PhD in 1905. From 1905-1909 he taught at McMaster University, and then joined the University of Saskatchewan as the first Professor of History and Economics. He resigned in 1912 to become Principal of St. Andrew's College. During WWI he was Chaplain of the 196th Battalion and in 1917 launched the University of Vimy Ridge. In 1921 he was named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and in 1930 he was elected Moderator of the United Church of Canada. Dr. Oliver died suddenly on 11 July 1935.

**Scope and Content:** This fonds contains correspondence, including that between Dr. and Mrs. Oliver while he was serving overseas as a chaplain during World War I; his diary from travels in Europe between 1908-9; his sermons and prayers, articles, addresses; as well as newspaper clippings concerning: the war, Oliver's position as Moderator of the United Church, book reviews, and obituaries. In addition, there are several manuscripts, including the "Minutes of Council of Assiniboia," "The History of the North West Territories," "James Anderson Fonds," "Roman Economic Conditions to the Close of the Empire," and "The Canadian North West: Its Early Development and Legislative Records," as well as offprints from the transactions of the Royal Society. The fonds also contains some photographs, miscellaneous souvenirs, and Dr. Oliver's diplomas.

**Arrangement:** This fonds has been organized into 4 series:

- A. Correspondence
- B. Newspaper Clippings
- C. Manuscripts
- D. Miscellaneous

**Restrictions:** There are no restrictions on access.

**Notes:** Title based on provenance.

**Related Material:** Jean Murray fonds (MG 61).

## **A. Correspondence. - 1904-1935.**

This series consists of correspondence with his wife, correspondence regarding his election as moderator of the United Church, etc.

### **Box 1 and 2**

- I. Correspondence with his wife. – 1916-1919. - 9 folders  
Daily letters, June 1916 to May 1919, while Dr. Oliver was serving overseas as a chaplain during World War I.

### **Box 3**

- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence. - 1904-1935. - 1 folder
- III. Telegrams of Congratulations. – 1930. - 1 folder  
On the occasion of Dr. Oliver's election as moderator of the United Church of Canada in 1930.
- IV. Letters and Telegrams of Condolence. – 1935.  
To Mrs. Oliver on Dr. Oliver's death in 1935.

## **B. Newspaper Clippings. - 1914-1932.**

This series consists of newspaper clippings regarding the war, the United Church, as well as book reviews and notices of his death.

- I. War Years. - 1914-1919. - 1 folder
- II. Moderator at the United Church of Canada. - 1930-1932. - 2 folders

### **Box 4**

- III. Book Reviews. – 1930, 1936. - 1 folder  
Reviews of Dr. Oliver's book: The Winning of the frontier, (1930) and of Clarence MacKinnon's book, The Life of Principal Oliver.
- IV. Notices of Dr. Oliver's death and tribute to him. – [1935]. - 1 folder
- V. Miscellaneous clippings regarding Dr. Oliver. - 1 folder
- VI. Miscellaneous clippings. – 1 folder

### C. Manuscripts. - 1911-1935.

This series consists of manuscripts, copies, and articles relating to his academic career, as well as his career within the church. Also included is reference materials, such as notes and diaries.

- I. Articles. – 1911-1932. - 1 folder  
Articles published in various newspapers, periodicals, and in pamphlet form.
- II. Addresses. – nd, 1923-1935.  
Includes 37 copies of “An Address delivered by the Right Reverend Edmund H. Oliver, D.D., Ph.D., F.R.S.C., Moderator of the United Church of Canada at the Annual Meeting of the forth Saskatchewan Auxiliary”, 1931. Also 1 copy of address at “Complimentary Banquet given by Sir James woods, K.C.M.G.”, 1923. Also hand-written copy of Convocation Address at Emmanuel College, 1935 and hand-written and typewritten copies of unidentified address.
- III. Historical manuscripts and Notes.
  - (a) Minutes of Council of Assiniboia. - 2 folders.

#### **Box 5**

- (b) “The History of the North West Territories. - 1 folder  
Mimeographed copy with hand written additions. Incomplete.
- (c) “James Anderson Papers.” - 1 folder  
Hand-written manuscript, 27 pp.
- (d) Transactions of the Royal Society Offprints. - 1 folder
  - “Economic Conditions in Saskatchewan, 1870-1881.” 25 pp.
  - “The Journal of Edward Sallows, 1848-1849.” 13 pp.
  - “The Contest between Lieutenant-Governor Royal and the Legislative Assembly of the North West Territories, 1883-1893.” 38 pp.
  - “The Settlement of Saskatchewan to 1914.” 25 pp.
  - “The Beginnings of White Settlement in Northern Saskatchewan.” 47 pp.
  - “The Significance of the Canadian Confederation for the Church Life of the Dominion.” 21 pp.
  - “Peter Veregin.” 27 pp.
  - “The Beginnings of Agriculture in Saskatchewan.” 32 pp.
- (e) “Roman Economic Conditions to the Close of the Empire.” – 1907.  
University of Toronto Studies: History and Economics. 20 pp.
- (f) The Canadian North West: Its Early Development and Legislative Records, Vol. II.  
Edited by Prof. Oliver.  
Publications of the Canadian Archives, No. 9. 659 pp. 2 copies.

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- IV. Sermons and Prayers. - 2 folders  
Two leather notebooks.
- V. Diary. – 1908-1909. - 1 folder  
Notes on travels in Europe.

**Box 7**

**D. Miscellaneous. - 1902-1932.**

This series consists of photographs, biographical material, souvenirs, and diplomas.

- I. Photographs. - 1 folder
- II. Sketch of Dr. Oliver's early life. - 1 folder
- III. Miscellaneous souvenirs. - 1 folder

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- IV. Diplomas. – nd, 1902-1906, 1930-1933.
  - (a) Address of Welcome from the Coqualutza Residential School.
  - (b) Master of Arts, University of Toronto. - 1903.
  - (c) Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity, Regina College. - 1930.
  - (d) Doctor of Divinity Degree, University of British Columbia. - 1931.
  - (e) Honorary Doctor of Law, University of Toronto. - 1933.
  - (f) Testimonial from the Students of St. Andrew's College. - 1932.
  - (g) Doctor of Philosophy, Columbia College. - n.d.
  - (h) Diploma Aggregations, Royal Society of Canada. - n.d.
  - (i) Bachelor of Arts, University of Toronto. - 1902.
  - (j) Master of Arts (Honorary), McMaster University. - 1906.
  - (k) Honorary Doctor of Divinity, University of Victoria. - 1930.

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Addendum. - 1901-1914. - 1 folder

Correspondence relating to Dr. Oliver's appointment to the faculty, the department of Economics, and the Rouworth Telltale (including March 9, 1905 issue). Also includes manuscript, "Church Extension in Toronto," and an examination paper in history written by W.E. Lloyd.

Oversized map of Vimy Ridge