

## MG 555 - Father J.M.R. LeJeune/ Kamloops Wawa Collection

**Dates:** 1891-1924 (inclusive); -1891-1905 (predominant)

Extent: 0.23 m of textual records.

**Historical note:** Father Jean-Marie Raphael LeJeune (1855-1930) was an Oblate missionary stationed at Kamloops and Williams Lake, British Columbia, who was the editor and publisher of the *Kamloops Wawa* newsletter and several other instructional works.

The *Kamloops Wawa* (wawa is the Chinook Jargon word for "chat") was published from May 2, 1891 to 1923 out of the back room of St. Joseph's Church on the Kamloops reserve. The newsletter described itself as "the queerest newspaper in the world" and was unusual for its time in that it was "Indian news" written for an Aboriginal audience and focused on both local and national Aboriginal concerns. The *Wawa* was also a multilingual publication written in English, French and Chinook Jargon. The Chinook shorthand was developed in 1867 by two French clerics, the Duploye brothers. At the peak of its popularity in the late 1890s, the newsletter had a distribution of 3,000 copies per month, with a circulation which reached as far as Quebec, Boston, England and France. Due to its wide circulation, many Native and non-Natives on the B.C. Interior and Coast became literate as Duployan readers. LeJeune was quite possibly Chinook Jargon's most influential progenitor.

Chinook itself is a "pidgin" language, a much simplified and easy to learn version of traditional Chinook, designed to allow communication between tribes speaking disparate languages and between First Nations people and Europeans. Its primary use was to facilitate trade, but Chinook Jargon was also employed in treaty negotiations. The story of Chinook Jargon is part of the story of the Aboriginal culture in the Pacific Northwest. In the 1800s, over one hundred different languages were spoken in the area, making it one of the most linguistically diverse regions of the world. Chinook Jargon reflects the oral tradition and culture of the people who spoke it. It has been estimated that 100,000 people spoke Chinook Jargon in 1875, in an area that stretched from northern California to southern Alaska, and from the Pacific coast to the Rocky Mountains. The Jargon was reportedly still used in church services in northern BC in the 1970s. Today, very few people still know the language. This makes the *Kamloops Wawa* an important source for those who wish to study Chinook Jargon, or those who wish to revive it.

The Wawa featured both the longhand and the Duployan shorthand versions of Chinook Jargon, with English and sometimes French translations, and also translations into several other Aboriginal languages, in particular, "Shuswap", Nlaka'pamux

["Thompson" in LeJeune's text], and Halkomelem ["Stalo"]. The newsletter was originally mimeographed but later editions were photoengraved. In the twentieth century the *Wawa* returned to the original mimeographed format, apparently due to financial difficulties. LeJeune sometimes included text within the newsletter or letters on the front or back page of the paper soliciting donations or requesting that subscriptions be paid up front.

The Kamloops Wawa will of particular interest to historians of Western Canada studying Native-European contact and Church and missionary history. Native Studies researchers will also find a wealth of cultural, political and social information within its pages.

The newsletter contains information on many topics, including: learning the Chinook shorthand; Duployan phonography; Chinook, English and French vocabulary; Bible history in Chinook; weekly or monthly news events; "Indian calendars" of events; church directories and lists of diocese for B.C.; prayers, hymns, musical scores, and approaches and guides to worship in Chinook, English, French and, in a few cases, "Stalo" and "Skwamish", and "Thompson" languages; descriptions of visits to bands throughout the interior and southwestern B.C.; stories about missionary encounters with Aboriginal peoples, Aboriginal Christians, the apostles, saints, and martyrs; stories and speeches by Aboriginal people; Aboriginal deaths and marriages; critics descriptions of the Wawa newsletter; lists of new subscribers; editorials on the gold rush to the Klondike, mining and the wealth of resources in B.C.; the architecture of churches on Aboriginal reserves, "skyscrapers" in US cities, and St. Peter's and the Coliseum in Rome (often with illustrations); place names; short stories, both original and from other sources; residential schools; health, disease, and alcohol; crime; monthly budgets; reprints of histories of Aboriginal peoples and of B.C.; early church histories; "exchange lists" with other publications in North America and Europe; descriptions of other related publications, including some of those digitized in Series 2; and various illustrations and advertisements.

**Arrangement:** The collection is organized into two series:

- 1. Kamloops Wawa Newsletters
- 2. Father LeJeune's collected publications

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

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## 1. Kamloops Wawa Newsletters. – 1891-1905

This series contains 200 issues of the *Kamloops Wawa*. Many of these issues contain section titles and subtitles in English but the text itself may only appear in Chinook shorthand. Item level descriptions can be found either on <a href="http://scaa.usask.ca/ourlegacy/">http://scaa.usask.ca/ourlegacy/</a>, or in Shortt PM 846 . K32 2005. These descriptions are based primarily on these English language titles and subtitles, along with the English and in some cases, French textual content which also appears in some issues. The newsletters have been arranged in chronological order, except in cases where separate English and French versions of the newsletter were printed simultaneously. Researchers will notice inconsistencies in the original numbering of some issues. Items with a "photocopy-#" number were missing originals copied from microfilm.

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## 2. Father LeJeune's collected publications

This series includes selected publications from Father LeJeune's personal collection which include several texts related directly to the *Kamloops Wawa*. These items were stored for many years in St. Joseph's Church, St. Louis Mission in Kamloops. Excerpts from several of these publications appear were reprinted on their own or as part of a series in the newsletter while others relate directly to the Duployan shorthand and how to use it. The sixteen titles in Series 2 are listed below.

Bishop Durieu's Chinook Bible History	Wawa - S2 - 1	
History of the Old Testament, Age I: From Adam to Abraham, containing 2083 years	Wawa - S2 - 2	
History of the New Testament, January 1894	Wawa - S2 - 3 & Wawa - S2 - 4	
The Kamloops Phonographer, No. 3, September 1892; Wawa - S2 – 5 to S2 - 7 No. 4, October 1892; No. 5, November 1892		
Chinook Vocabulary	Wawa - S2 - 8	
Chinook Hymns, 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition, September 1893; 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition, March 1894; Chinook Hymns, 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition, Octo	Wawa - S2 – 9 to S2 -11 ober 1895	
Our Lady of Lourdes	Wawa - S2 - 12	
The Wawa Shorthand Instructor of The Duployan Stenography, 1896	Wawa - S2 - 13	
English Manual or Prayers and Catechism, 1896	Wawa - S2 - 14	
Chinook and Shorthand Rudiments, 1898	Wawa - S2 - 15	
Chinook Rudiments #1739, 3 May 1924	Wawa - S2 – 16	
"Scientific American"  2 copies of mimeographed booklet on blue paper which were written in Chinook/ Duploye shorthand. Second copy has notes in shorthand and longhand, handwritten in pencil and pen.	Wawa – S2 - 17	
Handmade Booklet Handwritten shorthand in pencil on first 11 pgs, the rest is blank.	Wawa – S2 – 18	
Alphabeth A small mimeographed book containing a phonetic translation of symbolic notation, possibly shorthand	Wawa – S2 – 19	
Pages 41-50 of an enumerated list in booklet form, beginning at no. 99-141. Appears to be mimeographed	Wawa- S2 - 20	

and written in Chinook/Duploye shorthand.

Sheet Music for Messe Royale, with lyrics in Chinook/ Duploye shorthand.	Wawa – S2 - 21
Latin Manual including Mass rites and rituals in Chinook/Duploye shorthand.	Wawa – S2 - 22
Benediction of a Church, 2 copies written in Chinook/ Duploye shorthand. Features passages and hymns from this service.	Wawa – S2 - 23
Preparation for Confession instruction booklet in Chinook/ Duploye shorthand	Wawa – S2- 24
Communion Instruction Booklet in Chinook/Duploye shorthand with English titles	Wawa – S2 – 25
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Prayers before Communion: booklet of religious hymns and 'treatises' in Chinook/Duploye shorthand.	Wawa – S2 - 26
"Missa de Requiem" sheet music with lyrics in Chinook/ Duploye shorthand.	Wawa – S2 - 27
Messe Royale sheet music followed by VIII Eucharist, questions for catechism, and a Christmas carol in Chinook/Deploye shorthand.	Wawa – S2 - 28
Religious tract written in Chinook/Duploye shorthand.	Wawa – S2 – 29
Religious information pamphlet: Thanksgiving, Via Crucis, 'Easy Questions', God and You. Written in Chinook/Duploye shorthand.	Wawa – S2 - 30
"Stations of the Cross" instructional booklet written in Chinook/Duploye shorthand.	Wawa – S2 - 31
"Notre Dame de Lourdes" in Chinook/Deploye shorthand.	Wawa – S2 - 32
Almanach Stenographique de 1886	Wawa – S2 – 33

four R. C. Archbishops of Ireland as a General Catechism to which is added The Scriptural Catechism, by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Milner [1882]	n
"The Passion of JCh. In Shushwap" Wa	wa- S2- 35
Religious booklet beginning with "VII. Pilate" Written in Chinook/Duploye shorthand.	Wawa – S2 - 36
First Catechism on Shushwap	Wawa – S2 – 37
Calendar in booklet form. Possibly documenting Saints name days or religious events. In Chinook/Duploye shorthand.	Wawa – S2 - 38
Notebook written in Chinook/Duploye shorthand. 1892-1893.	Wawa – S2 - 39
No. 10 [Aug.] 1893. Written in Chinook/ Duploye Shorthand and signed H. M. R. LaJeune, O. M. I Kamloops, B. C.	Wawa – S2 - 40
"Prayers in Thompson Language: 1st Part. Morning Prayers, Night Prayers. Prayers for Communion", 1894.	Wawa – S2 - 41
"The Passion cont'd" in Chinook/Duploye shorthand	Wawa – S2 – 42
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Prayers, beginning with "Night Prayers"	Wawa – S2 – 44
"Prayers in Shushwap: 1st part. Morning Prayers, Night Prayers. Prayers for Communion", 2nd ed.St. Louis' Mission, Kamloops, April 1894, and 2nd part: Prayers for Confession, Stations of the Cross, Various Hymns. June 1894.	Wawa – S2 - 45
"Shushwap Manual or Prayers, Hymns, and Catechism in Shushwap" Kamloops: P. Durieu, O. M. I. Imprimatur 1896 2 <sup>nd</sup> copy in four parts.	Wawa – S2 - 46

"The Most Reverend Doctor James Butler's Catechism"

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"Sheshel Manual or Prayers, Hymns and Catechism in Sheshel Language." Kamloops: 1896.	Wawa – S2 - 47
"Skwamish Manual or Prayers, Hymns and Catechism In Skwamish Language." Kamloops: 1896	Wawa – S2 - 48
"Voici L'Agneau si doux" 1899	Wawa – S2 – 49
Handwritten notes and pamphlets bound together. Includes: notes in pencil, Chinook Bible History – The Old Testament" in Shushwap, Chinook, and English; <i>Kamloops Wawa</i> Vol. IX no. 1 Issue 83 and Issue 184 (including Shushwap Vocabulary) and Vol. IX no. 4 Issue no. 187; The Passion of JCh. In Shushwap; Okanagan Gospel Readings; "The Last End in Okanagan" and "Thomson Readings: The Last End."	Wawa – S2 - 50
"The Last End in Okanagan"	Wawa – S2 – 51
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"The Canticle of Heaven"	Wawa – S2 – 54
Shushwap Vocabulary from the Vol. IX no. 1 issue 184 of the <i>Kamloops Wawa</i>	Wawa – S2 - 55
Unidentified text in Chinook/Duploye shorthand, mimeographed.	Wawa – S2 - 56
A Cheap and Concise Dictionary of the Ojibway Indian Language, 1903	Wawa – S2- 57
Kamloops Wawa segment in English and Chinook	Wawa – S2 – 58
Studies on Shushwap, no. 1758, 1925	Wawa- S2 – 59
Carrier Prayer-Book containing Together with the usual Formularies a complete collection of hymns, catechisms, directions relative to various points of Catholic life, in English, French, and Dene. 1933.	Wawa – S2 - 60

Hymns in Takudh Language, composed and translated by the Ven. Archdeacon McDonald, 1956.	Wawa – S2 - 61
Wawa CD-R. "Northern Wawa", "Data DVD Wawa 2", "Michael Cluckner Image (Wawa Display)"; "Kamloops Wawa Newsletter"	Wawa – S2 - 62
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