



## **MG 588 – Maude Palmer fonds**

**Date:** 1924-1933

**Extent:** 5 cm textual records

**Biography:** Mrs. Maude Palmer of Aylmer Ontario had landholdings in Griffiths and Colgate Saskatchewan, managed from afar by her agent John Leonard.

**Scope and Content:** A number of letters dealing with the management of Mrs. Palmer's landholdings and agricultural operations there during the early years of the Great Depression.

**Custodial History:** These letters were purchased from Benjamin Katz of Toronto by the University Library in 2016

1. M. A. Miller Correspondence – 1929  
Letter from lawyer M. A. Miller of Weyburn discussing difficulties with one of her tenants.
2. Hazel Moore Correspondence –1930- 1933  
Correspondence from a tenant regarding difficulties in making payment. A terrible blizzard mentioned.
3. John Leonard Correspondence – 1929-1931  
Letters describing the Depression and its effect on local farmers. Clippings on same. Grain prices. Maintenance on property. Hail tax. References to the same tenant mentioned in the Miller letter (above). Trouble with banks. The Fred frequently mentioned is John Leonard's son.
4. Fred Leonard Correspondence – 1931  
Description of poor agricultural conditions. Request to be loaned money to purchase gas and oil for the tractor
5. Joseph Vipond Correspondence – 1924  
Letter stating the impossibility of making payment due to being hit with hail.
6. Mr. & Mrs. N. G. Leepy  
Four photo postcards, one noted as being an image of "Little Paul Prandall age 2 years and 2 months. Other images are of children, a mother of four in Sunday best on homestead, and four young ladies .