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Moosejaw News fonds. - [textual record]. - 1883-1963. - 4.00 cm of textual records.  
Boxes V-22, H-32

### **Administrative history**

C.F. Ewer came to the new town of Moose Jaw in the spring of 1883 with the intent of starting a newspaper. The North-West Land Company provided a free corner lot as an incentive to the first paper established. The printing press arrived two days before the first edition was scheduled to run. The first edition of the Moosejaw News was published May 4, 1883.

Dr. J.E. Wells LL.D. had arrived in Moose Jaw from Toronto? shortly after Ewer, also with the intent of starting a newspaper. Ewer did not seem to have enough capital to continue while his new paper established itself. Rather than attempting to compete with limited resources, Ewer sold the paper and press.

The next edition of the paper had an editorial stating that Wells, "late of Rapid City", was taking over the paper along with a Mr. Powell who were listed as editors and proprietors. In October 1884, H.N. Morphy took over the paper but by February 1885, the Moosejaw News was bankrupt.

There was no local newspaper until the Moose Jaw Times began publishing in April 1889. Another newspaper was published under the banner The Moose Jaw News ca. 1922-1923, possibly through Quality Press, located at High St. East. It does not seem to have any relationship to the original Moosejaw News.

### **Scope and content**

Several original copies of the newspaper have been transferred to the Moose Jaw Public Library newspaper holdings. The balance consists of some copies, reprints and loose items that accompanied the papers.

### **Physical condition**

The original newspapers have extensive damage due to degradation of newsprint and numerous tears, particularly along folds. These have been transferred to the library newspaper collection. Item 003 is in poor shape with numerous tears and missing sections.

### **Conservation note**

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2004. Item 003 encapsulated.

### **Note of immediate source of acquisition**

Accession number 31.BA donated to the archives by the Moose Jaw Art Museum. Item 004 donated by Moose Jaw Times-Herald in 1969.

### **Accruals**

Further accruals are not expected.

### **Finding aids**

See file list.

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#### File List

001 - Photocopy of May 4, 1883 [Vol.1 No.1] first edition of Moosejaw News

002 - Reprint of May 25, 1883 [Vol. 1 No. 4.] Reprinted for 75<sup>th</sup> (1963) anniversary of Moose Jaw Chamber of Commerce. [Not a correct reproduction. Missing pages from original and contains pages from Vol.1, No.1 edition] (15 copies)

003 - Address to Sir Wilfred Laurier by Mayor C.A. Gass on occasion of visit. {includes a photocopy of same.

004 - Typed account (1929) of contents of Moosejaw News - May 11, 1883 [Vol.1 No. 2] and photocopy of same.

005 - Misc. Loose Correspondence 1914-1961. Some relates to item 003.