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British Columbia Alcohol Research and Education Council
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On August 25, 1915 a convention of temperance forces was held in Vancouver after the Premier, Sir Richard McBride, had decided to put the question of instituting prohibition of the sale of liquor as a war measure to a plebiscite of the electorate. Out of this Vancouver Convention came the formation of the British Columbia Prohibition Association [BCPA], otherwise known as the People's Prohibition Movement. A committee was set up on an *ad hoc* basis initially, with Mr. J. Rogers as President to mobilize support for prohibition and organize for the referendum McBride had decided to call. When it was announced that the anti-prohibitionists had won, the temperance forces charged that there had been serious irregularities in the soldiers' vote on the referendum. A Royal Commission was subsequently set up in 1917 to investigate these charges and it revealed that an overall majority of 3,875 were in favour of the *Prohibition Act* proposed by the referendum instead of the 800 majority originally tallied against it. As a result a *Prohibition Act* was passed by the Provincial assembly and became law on October 1, 1917. During the 1920s the Association carried on its activities under its executive secretary, W.G.W. Fortune, followed by Methodist minister, Rev. R.J. McIntyre, in 1925.

At an executive meeting of the BC Prohibition Association on Nov. 27, 1933, a motion moved by Dr. Dobson was adopted by the Executive Committee which changed the name of the BCPA to the BC Temperance League. A constitution for the BC Temperance League was adopted by an executive meeting on Feb. 23, 1934, and this was formally approved on May 20, 1934 at the annual convention. The purpose of the BC Temperance League was to be "the solution of the liquor problem in the interest of human welfare by evangelism, abstinence, education and legislation, having in view the ultimate elimination of the drink evil" (Constitution, BCTL, adopted May 10, 1934). Almost a year after the Rev. McIntyre's retirement in May, 1947, the League appointed Rev. A.W. Small to carry on the work of executive secretary.

On May 7, 1952, the Anglican Bishop Godfrey Gower was made the President of a new organization, the Alcohol Research Council, charged with the task of securing as large a vote as possible against the sale of liquor by the glass. In November 1952, the BC Temperance League and the Alcohol Research Council joined forces and became known as the BC Alcohol Research and Education Council, with A.W. Cowley appointed its first executive secretary.

The records consist of correspondence, arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically, mimeographed information, clippings, accounts, pamphlets, posters, minutebooks, government publications, maps, periodicals, and books. The

correspondence arranged chronologically was separated from the correspondence filed according to subject and seem to be arranged in no particular order. It includes both inward and outward correspondence. Clippings are arranged by subject in six boxes.

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1	4	Advertising (liquor)	1948-1949
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1	6	Annual convention programmes	1930-1931, 1940, 1946-1948
1	7	Anti-Saloon League of America	1932-1936
1	8	AOTS (As One That Serves)	1950
1	9	Correspondence 'B'	1933-1938, 1946
1	10	Bayley, W.D. (Antler, Saskatchewan)	1949
1	11	Beer	
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2	18	BC Provincial Police Liquor Enforcement Branch	1927
2	19	BC Temperance League Committee of Twelve	15 Jun 1948
2	20	BC Temperance League minutes of meetings, receipts	1950-1952
2	21	Burnaby plebiscite	1950
2	22	Correspondence 'C'	1932-1936
2	23	Canadian Passengers Association	1948
2	24	Canadian Temperance Federation	1943-1952
3	25	Canadian Temperance Federation correspondence	1952-1954

3	26	Canadian Temperance Federation minutes and reports	1952-1954
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3	28	Chilliwack plebiscite	1950
3	29	Christian Science subscribers	1931, 1933
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3	31	Police Court clerk report	1934
3	32	City of Vancouver and Police Court	1926, 1928, 1931, 1935
3	33	Coburn, Dr. John - itinerary	1949
3	34	Coburn, Rev. John - itinerary	1950
3	35	Coburn, Rev. John - meetings and correspondence	1948
4	36	Constitution	1950
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5	46	Correspondence 'D'	1933-1935, 1938, 1944, 1948
5	47	Department of Education (Victoria, B.C.)	1949
5	48	Deputation to government and subjects discussed	
5	49	Dominion government	1932-1936
5	50	Duke, Rev. W.M. (R.C. Archbishop of Vancouver)	1948-1949
5	51	Correspondence 'E'	1933, 1937
5	52	Executive Committee	1948-1952
6	53	Correspondence 'F'	1932-1933, 1936
6	54	Federal delegation	1941
6	55	Field day	1948-1949
6	56	Films	1948-1952
6	57	Finance Committee [including financial reports]	1938-1940, 1946-1952
6	58	Finance Committee campaigns	1930

6	59	Forms	1948
6	60	Four Mile House correspondence	1931, 1934
6	61	Correspondence 'G'	1934-1936, 1946-1948
6	62	Gibson's Landing	1948
6	63	Government - Federal : C.D. Howe, King	1941-1942
6	64	Correspondence 'H'	1941-1947
6	65	Hastings East liquor store	1949
6	66	Henderson estate	1950
6	67	Correspondence 'I'	1940-1943
7	68	Income tax: deductions at source	1947-1951
7	69	Income tax on contributions	1948
7	70	India and prohibition	1939
7	71	Irwin, Rev. A.J. - correspondence (Secretary, Canadian Temperance Federation)	1939-1943
7	72-73	Itineraries	1948-1951
7	74	Correspondence 'J'	1932-1933, 1945
7	75	Correspondence 'K'	1932-1933, 1935; 1937
7	76	Kelowna plebiscite	1950
7	77	Kerrisdale and Marpole ministers	1950
7	78	Correspondence 'L'	1932-1933, 1942
7	79	Law enforcement committee	1928-1929
7	80	Lawbreaking some letters show law- breaking many names of clergymen	1918, 1929
8	81	Legislature, British Columbia	1948-1951
8	82	Letter forms, special	1928, 1937, 1941
8	83	Linton, Rev. John A. - itineraries	1951
8	84	Lions Gate Legion licence	1951
8	85	Liquor Act amendments	1949
8	86	Liquor Control Board	1938, 1941-1947
8	87	Liquor Control Board	1948-1951
8	88	Liquor sales and profits under government control	1930-1931, 1940-1941
8	89	Liquor traffic addresses	
8	90	Liquor traffic statistics	1928-1930
8	91	List of shareholders - Coast Breweries	1930
9	92	Correspondence 'M'	1937, 1942, 1947
9	93	Maitland's - firm	1936

9	94	Manitoba liquor situation (brief submitted by the Manitoba Hotel Association to the Manitoba Liquor Investigation Commission)	1954
9	95	Manitoba Temperance Alliance	1949, 1951
9	96	Maritime Temperance Federation	1948
9	97	Marpole beer plebiscite	1951
9	98	Membership committee	
9	99	Minutes	
9	100	Miscellaneous	1947-1952
9	101	Mutchmor, Rev. J.R.	1942-1943
9	102	Correspondence 'Mc'	1932-1936, 1942-1944;1946
9	103	McIntyre testimonial, correspondence, etc	1948-1949
9	104	Correspondence 'N'	1932
9	105	News Herald letters to the editor	1932-1933
9	106	Correspondence 'O'	1933
9	107	Ontario Temperance Federation	1949-1951
9	108	Correspondence 'P'	1932-1933, 1936-1938, 1942, 1946-1947
9	109	Policy Committee	1935-1936, 1946
9	110	Prohibition	
9	111	Prohibition Federation of Canada (Mr. Peck)	1926-1928
10	112	Prohibition unions: Ontario, Overseas, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Hull, etc.	1926-1928
10	113	<i>Province</i> , Vancouver Daily - letters to the editor	1929-1930
10	114	Provincial Convention - BCTL	1948
10	115	Provincial Convention - BCTL	1949
10	136	Provincial election July 16	1928
10	117	Provincial election material	1933
10	118	Publications	1929-1931
10	119	Publicity committee	1930, 1931
11	120	Questionnaires	1926-1927
11	121	Questionnaires to candidates and replies	1928-1930
11	122-123	Questionnaires	1952
11	124	Correspondence 'R'	1932-1936, 1946
11	125	Resolutions	1935

11	126	Correspondence 'S'	1932, 1933, 1942-1943, 1947
11	127	Saskatchewan Temperance Federation annual meeting and provincial convention	1949
11	128	Secretaryship - Rev. Aubrey W. Small	1947-1948
11	129	Seven Thousand Club	1949-1950
11	130	Spence, Rev. Ben	1948
11	131	Speaking engagements - Rev. A.W. Small	1948-1950
12	132	<i>Star</i> , Vancouver Daily - letters	1926-1929, 1931
12	133	Statistics - re alcoholic beverage sale	1949
12	133	Statistics - re liquor conditions in New Westminster	1941
12	133	Statistics - re statistical summary of motor vehicle accidents	1938
12	134	<i>Sun</i> , the Vancouver Daily, letters written to the Editor	1927-1930, 1933-1934, 1938, 1940
12	135	Correspondence 'T'	1932-1933, 1934-1936
12	136	Telegrams	1926
12	137	Temperance crusade Sunday, November 26	1950
12	138	The Temperance Advocate	1949-1952
12	139	Tracts - draft form only	1950
12	140	Treasurer	1949-1950
12	141	Correspondence 'U'	1930-1931
12	142	United Church of Canada	1947, 1949-1950
12	143	Correspondence 'V'	1932, 1935
13	144	Victoria beer plebiscite	1950
13	145	Victoria Citizens Committee	1952, 1954
13	146	Correspondence 'W'	1932-1938, 1946-1947
13	147	Washington State file	1952-1954
13	148	West Vancouver liquor store	1949-1950
13	149	Winch, E.E. - correspondence	1940
13	150	Wismer, Hon. Gordon S., Attorney-General of British Columbia	1948, 1950
13	151	Women's Christian Temperance Union [WCTU]	1931, 1941, 1926, 1930
13	152	WCTU circulars, campaign correspondence and financial references	1920

13	153	WCTU general	1948-1949
13	154	World News re liquor sales, etc.	1938-1942
13	155	Correspondence 'X', 'Y', 'Z'	1925, 1927, 1929
13	156	Youth	1932-1936
14-17		Correspondence inward and outward filed chronologically	1918-1954
18-20		Manuscripts and mimeographed papers	
20		Photographs	
20		Barn with "Molson's Ale" painted on the end, "Biere Molson" painted on the side	
20		Photograph from Washington State, file no. 147, billboard showing wrecked auto with the following caption: "Beer Belongs To Tragedy Don't Be Fooled By Beer Adds", Washington Temperance Association	
20		Maps	
20		Plan of the City of Vancouver, B.C. compiled and published by the Vancouver Map and Blueprint Co., Vancouver, BC	1923
20		Map of Greater Victoria, BC - Island Blueprint and Map Co.'s, J.B. Davenport	1925
20		Map of the Municipality of South Vancouver compiled and published by the Vancouver Map and Blueprint Co., Vancouver, BC	
20		Map of the Lower Fraser Valley compiled and published by the Vancouver Map and Blueprint Co.	
20		British Columbia electoral districts (provincial redistribution) department of Lands	1923
20		Commercial map of New Westminster and the district tributary thereto in Burnaby, Richmond, Coquitlam, B.C. R.F. Bower	
21		Manuscripts and Mimeographs	

21	<i>Approach to Alcohol.</i> A school for the scientific study of alcohol and its problems held at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver B.C, July 3-5 1957	Jul 1957
21	Lectures First Day	
21	Preparatory Session with Dr. Beaven	
21	The Nature of the Problem	
21	The Classroom Approach to Alcohol Studies	
21	Alcohol, Traffic and Safety	
21	Alcohol in the Field of Insurance	
21	The Men of Alcoholics Anonymous	
21	The Women of Alcoholics Anonymous	
21	Lectures Second Day	
21	Preparatory Session	
21	Alcohol in the Family and Juvenile Courts	
21	Alcohol in the Home	
21	The Medical Approach	
21	Alcohol and the Teen-ager	
21	Research in the Field of Alcohol Education	
21	Lectures Third Day	
21	Preparatory Session	
21	The Christian Approach	
21	The Legislative Approach	
21	A Psychiatrist Views the Alcoholic	
21	The Work of the Alcoholism Foundation	
21	Closing Session: Where Do We Go From Here?	
22-27	Clippings filed by subject	
28	Posters	
28	"Progress Through Abstinence/The Vested Interests of the Liquor Traffic are a menace to democracy./ Strike a blow for freedom./Abstain./"Published by the Scottish Temperance Alliance, Glasgow.	

- 28 "Prisoner at The Bar/The Uncle Tom's Cabin of the Liquor Traffic" see 'B' Subject Correspondence file
- 28 The Clipsheet of the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church
- 28 "Looking for the Facts?" Published by Allied Youth, Inc.
- 28 Ontario Temperance Federation 14th Series Posters:
- 28 For My Best
- 28 Liquor Lowers Efficiency
- 28 Good Athletes do not drink
- 28 Building Canada
- 28 Don't Drink Alcohol
- 28 Accidents
- 28 Don't let Liquor Get You
- 28 Keep Your Mind Clear
- 28 Hockey Stars need ...
- 28 Catastrophe
- 28 Where our Money Goes
- 28 "Every Tree is Known by his own Fruit"
Ontario Temperance Federation
- 29 Blotters
- 29 "Why He Quit Drinking"
- 29 "The Loyal Toast"
- 29 "Drive as you would have others drive;
Walk as you would have others walk"
[Ontario Temperance Federation]
- 29 Wine list of the West Coast Central Club,
Vancouver, B.C.
- 29 Subscription envelopes and receipts
- 29 Pamphlets (a list is provided in the box)
- 29 Minutes of the BC Prohibition Association
- 30 Loose papers from the BCTL minute book 1931-1948

30	The Prohibition Oversees Vote Investigation Act minutes of evidence	1917
30	Prohibition and Woman Suffrage Referendum Act and Military Forces Voting Act	
30	Voting returns by polling division BC general election and plebiscite (beer by the glass)	July 1924
31	Annual reports	
31	Christian Education Committee B.C. Conference United Church of Canada	13 May 1953
31	W.C.T.U. of B.C. yearbook and proceedings of the 69 th Annual Convention, Vancouver	27-29 May 1952
31	The Presbyterian Synod of B.C. minutes of the 56th meeting, Victoria	6-8 May 1947
31	International Bureau Against Alcoholism, report for the Year 1928, Lausanne	1928
31	United Church of Canada, 5th B.C. Conference, Vancouver	15-21 May 1929
31	W.C.T.U. of B.C. yearbook and proceedings of the 48th annual convention, New Westminster	21-24 Sep 1931
31	Baptist churches of B.C. 35th annual convention, B.C. Baptist Women's Missionary Society 17th annual convention, Vancouver	23-26 Jun 1931
31	United Church of Canada 6 th B.C. conference, digest of the minutes, Vancouver	14-20 May 1930
31	The Alcoholism Foundation of B.C. annual report:	
31	First report for the year ending	31 Mar 1955
31	Second report for the year ending 2 copies	31 Mar 1956
31	Third report for the year ending 2 copies	31 Mar 1957
31	Alcoholism Research Foundation annual report second for the period ending	31 Dec 1952
31	Alcoholism Research Foundation annual report fourth for the period ending	31 Dec 1954

31	Alcoholism Research Foundation annual report sixth for the period ending	31 Dec 1956
31	Alcoholism Research Foundation annual report seventh for the period ending	31 Dec 1957
31	Report of the 3rd annual meeting and conference of the Alcohol Research and Education Council of B.C. May 20, 1955, Bulletin No. 8	Jun 1955
31	The Alcoholism Foundation of B.C. report of the Executive Director to the Board of Trustees	20 Sep 1954
31	Annual report of the Chief Constable of the City of Vancouver	1929
31	Periodicals and serials	
31	<i>A.R.E.C. News</i> , bulletin no. 17	Mar 1958
31	<i>Wholeness Through Divine Healing</i> v. 6, no. 4	
31	The Canadian Guild of Health, Vancouver Branch	
31	<i>Journal of Proceedings of the 12th Meeting of the Anglican Provincial Synod</i>	17-19 Oct 1950
31	<i>B.C. Temperance Bulletin</i>	Mar 1949, Jun 1949, Oct 1949, Feb 1950, Sep 1950
31	Alcohol Research and Education Council, bulletin no. 4, no. 5, no. 6	Mar 1954, Jul 1954, Nov 1954
31	<i>The Gleaner</i> Vancouver Bible Institute	Mar 1953
31	<i>Bone Dry Canada</i> , v. 1, no. 5	Jun 1928
31	<i>B.C. Hotelman</i> , v. 11, no. 9	Sep 1949
32-42	Accounts	
32-33	Receipt books	5 Dec 1932 - 24 Feb 1972
33	Dr. Coburn's campaign contributions received or promiseds	1947
34-36	Accounts of the B.C. Temperance League and Alcohol Research and Education Council including bank statements, general expenses, receipts	1936-1957
37	Cash book includes subscriptions, fees, bank deposits, and sundries	Jan 1916 - Oct 1922

38	Cash book	Jan 1916 - Dec 1926
39	Various accounts	1920
40	Monthly cash pledges and disbursements	1922-1926
41	Pledges and temperance education campaign funds	1926-1928, Feb 1933
42	Various accounts 1921 showing bank deposits, general expenses, salaries, rent	1921, 1925-1936
43-46	Minute books (see also box 29)	
43	Minutes of the People's Prohibition Movement	21 Aug 1915 - 18 Dec 1916
44	Minutes of the People's Prohibition Movement (Association)	2 Jan 1917 - 16 June 1921
45	Minutes of the B.C. Prohibition Association Executive and Sub-executive meetings	4 Jan 1927 - 30 Nov 1931
46	Minutes of the B.C. Prohibition Association (now B.C. Temperance League), minutes of the Sub-Executive meetings and Executive meetings	7 Dec 1931 - Apr 1948
47	Notebook	
48-55	Books	
48	Carter, Henry. <i>The English Temperance Movement: A study in objectives. Vol. 1 The Formation Period, 1830-1899.</i> London, Epworth Press	1933
49	Daily, Starr, <i>Recover.</i> Minnesota, Macalester Park Publishing Company	1948
50	Fisher, Irving, Brougham, H. Bruce. <i>The 'Noble Experiment'.</i> Alcohol Information Committee, New York	1930
51	Farnsworth, Harry C. A. <i>Survey of the Alcohol and Narcotics Problem in Idaho.</i> Moscow, Idaho, University of Idaho	1954
52	Smyth, J. Paterson. <i>How We Got Our Bible.</i> New York, James Pott & Co.	1915
53	Willebrandt, Mable W. <i>The Inside of Prohibition.</i> Indianapolis, The Bobbs-Merrill Company	1929
54	Thomson, Andrew. <i>Alcohol or Christ?</i>	1947

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