

MS-0347

Sir Richard McBride

Originals 1905-1958 25 cm; microfilm (neg.) 1905-1958 35 mm [A01043(4); A1410(1)]

Sir Richard McBride was born in New Westminster, B.C., and studied law at Dalhousie University. McBride was first elected MLA in Dewdney constituency in 1898 and served as Premier of British Columbia from 1903 to 1915.

Lottie Mabel Bowron was the secretary of Richard McBride

The collection consists of two sets of papers which were kept in the same box, those of Richard McBride and those of Lottie Mabel Bowron. The original collection consisted of private papers of McBride. It appears that Lottie Bowron cared for the papers when McBride went to England in 1916. In 1916, Bowron transferred them to R.F. Green (see box 2, file 37). The box of papers was still in Green's possession in 1944. Subsequently the box was returned to Bowron and after 1958 came to the archives.

The records include a confidential letterbook; correspondence between McBride, Borden and others concerning provincial, Dominion, and Imperial politics; correspondence concerning military and naval matters, defence, and the purchase of submarines during World War I. The records also include correspondence and papers of Lottie Mabel Bowron and newspaper clippings.

Photographs transferred to Visual Records, accession 198201-74. Published material transferred to the Library, check library catalogue for call numbers.

Related records in MS-0112, MS-0996 and MS-1135

Box	File	Contents	Date
1	1	"Index to Sir Richard McBride's private papers which were boxed up on his retirement from Premiership"	
1	2	Letters outward in a confidential letterbook [Indexed] [also on A1410(1)]	1912-1915
1	3	Correspondence between McBride, Borden and others concerning McBride's entry into federal politics and the Borden cabinet	1911
1	4	Correspondence with Borden and R.F. Green concerning "Better Terms"	1914
1	5	Correspondence with Borden concerning Canada's contribution towards an Imperial Navy	1909-1910
1	6	Correspondence concerning a proposed trip by Borden to London	Oct 1914
1	7	Correspondence and reports concerning the purchase of submarines	1914-1915
1	8	Correspondence with Borden concerning military matters	1914-1915
1	9	Correspondence with Sir Francis Hopwood	1912-1914
1	10	Correspondence with Major-General A.W. Currie	Aug - Sep 1915

1	11	Correspondence with Borden concerning McBride's resignation	1915
1	12	Correspondence concerning land for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company	1906
1	13	Correspondence outward to John Bowron, Thomas Anderson and R.G. Tatlow	1905-1909
1	14	Correspondence inward	1906-1915
1	15	Memo to L.M. Bowron or R.E. Gosnell	
1	16	Provincial Elections Act: certificate of returning officer, electoral district of Yale	Dec 1909
1	17	Resignations of cabinet ministers: W.J. Bowser, F. Carter-Cotton, Price Ellison	Oct 1910
1	18	Correspondence between McBride and J. Norton Griffiths, British M.P., concerning Griffiths' suggestion that McBride contest a seat in the British House of Commons and help form an Imperial Party	1910
1	19	Honours and appointments	1905-1915
1	20	Banquet programs, announcements, pamphlet [including material transferred to the BC Archives Library]	
1	21	Letters inward from his mother, Mary D'Arcy McBride	1908-1913
1	22	Letter inward from his father, Arthur Hill McBride	10 Jun 1908
1	23	Peggy McBride: school composition "A Garden"	21 Apr 1913
2	24	Responses to the invitation of the Acting Premier and members of the Executive Council to a luncheon with visiting members of the Twelfth International Geological Congress	26 Aug 1913
2	25	Correspondence Lottie M. Bowron from McBride and others concerning McBride's financial affairs	1916-1917
2	26	Correspondence inward to Bowron concerning McBride's death	1917
2	27	Correspondence concerning Bowron's position as Rural Teacher's Welfare Officer	1928-1934
2	28	Bowron: general correspondence	1908-1958
2	29	Bowron: reminiscences, public addresses, quotations	
2	30	Bowron: souvenir programs, dance tallies, greeting cards	
2	31-33	Assorted papers including "List of Pioneers" (Mrs. McMicking's), "A fair Victorian girl's letter to her brunette sister....", "Avenging Angel" by Lawrence P. Guichon	
2	34	Photographs [originals transferred to Visual Records]	
2	35	Fortune teller's reading, presumably about McBride	
2	36	Newspaper clippings	
2	37	Notes concerning the provenance of this collection	