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Nellie McClung fonds

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Microfilm (neg.) 1895-1947 35mm 3 reels [A01964-A01966]

Nellie Letitia (Mooney) McClung was born in Chatsworth, Ontario on October 20, 1873. Her family moved to Wawanesa, Manitoba in 1880 and upon graduation from the Winnipeg Normal School at the age of 16, Miss Mooney began her teaching career at Manitou, Manitoba. In 1896 she married Robert Wesley McClung, a pharmacist in Manitou. In 1908, her first novel, *Sowing Seeds in Danny*, was published. Other novels, essays, short stories, and sketches soon followed and continued to appear into her seventieth year. The McClung's moved to Winnipeg in 1911 when Mr. McClung took up work with an insurance company. Nellie became active in various organizations, including the Canadian Women's Press Club and the Winnipeg Political Equality League. Her activities in temperance and women's suffrage leagues continued when they moved to Edmonton in 1914 where she campaigned vigorously for social reform and women's rights. She served in the Alberta Legislature with the Liberals from 1921 to 1926. After her political defeat she fought to establish Canadian women's rights to seats in the Senate. In 1933 the McClung family moved to Victoria. From 1936 to 1942 she served as the first woman member of the CBC Board of Governors. In 1938 she represented Canada as a delegate to the League of Nations. She died in 1951 at the age of 77.

The fonds consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings, handwritten and typescript copies of published and unpublished works, notes for speeches, scrapbooks and a photograph album.

Photograph album transferred to Visual Records, accession 198307-1.

The oversized address presented to the McClung's by the citizens of Manitou (vol. 63) was found in a drawer 2008 and has been added to MS-0010.

The records were presented to the BC Archives by Mr. R.W. McClung in November, 1953.

Chronological item list of box 10 and an alphabetical list of correspondents created by the University Women's Club in 1990, available in the hard copy finding aid in the reference room.

The original manuscripts (the first rough drafts) of the McClung fonds are contained in nine boxes. The articles and novels are written in scribblers. Where a title has been placed at the start of a composition, this has been noted in the list below. Each scribbler has been examined but the list of titles is not necessarily comprehensive.

Scrapbooks (Volumes 27-57) are available on microfilm reels A01964-A01966.

Box	File	Contents	Date
		Manuscripts	
1	1	Miscellaneous	
1	2	The last reserves	
1	3	The believing church	
1	4	Land of heroes; The old year passes	
1	5	The black curtain (book no. 1)	
1	6	On the trail (book no. 2, chapter 7)	
1	7	The ordination debate in Calgary; Thanksgiving	
1	8	No. 4 book	1933
1	9	Chapter 18: My first sight of Brandon	
1	10	Synopsis	
1	11	The day before Xmas	
1	12	One hundred years ago!	
2	1	The reprieve	
2	2	Winds of the world; We played for keeps	
2	3	Monotony...; Dear listener; The scent of water; Leisure...	
2	4	On the opening of the new transmitter at CFCT, Victoria; The first lap of winter; Long road; The Spirit of B.C.	10 Jan 1939
2	5	The end of the circle; Consider the ant	
2	6	Letters outward; Religion into our time; All in one day; Food is a factor in the war	1934
2	7	This is an age of doubt!...; The roads of Nova Scotia; Cooperation in Nova Scotia; Community housing in Nova Scotia	
2	8	The woman who rode away; Current events; Over CHAB, Moose Jaw; We are on the spot!; The case for the newspaper	22 Sep 1937, 1939
2	9	Martha Jones the orphan; Freewheeling; Let the school bells ring	
2	10	The minor poet; Hardly on speaking terms	20 Feb
2	11	A year from now; Mary Bell Andrews...	
2	12	Gordon head	8 Nov 1941
2	13	Mean people are news	
2	14	Coming home; You have to face it now	
2	15	The moving finger writes	
2	16	The Canadian family; Mother's day; The threat to democracy; A plea for our old books; Down in the	

		human heart	
2	17	Our frozen assets; We are all in this race; W.W. Davidson; There are still many causes for gladness;	
2	18	Chapter XVI...to chapter XX	
2	19	The first day of spring	
2	20	Have women failed; Women and fashion; St. Aidan's of Victoria	
2	21	Neighbours on the left	
2	22	Bob Steele (10) ...[?]	
2	23	A day of reckoning; Bad blood; The development of the novel; CNPC	29 Jun 1932
3	1	The last Sunday in 1940	
3	2	When Tom came over from Milford...	
3	3	More about food; Women can solve this one	
3	4	Manners	
3	5	What have we to say to our youth; Graduation address; Empire day; The battle of ideas	
3	6	This century for Canada; Summary of broadcast business and professional club	
3	7	Scrip commission	
3	8	The storm had choked...	
3	9	Maidie Martin	
3	10	Bob Steele (9)	
3	11	Alberta's outcroppings of literature	
3	12	Winds of the world	
3	13	Do we want women at the peace conference	
3	14	Do we want women at the peace conference	
3	15	Chapter IV: Should women think:	
3	16	The signing of the Charter	
3	17	If prejudices belong to the vegetable world...	
3	18	Synopsis of sowing seeds with Danny; Purple springs chapters	
3	19	Manitoba lacrosse country	
3	20	Shall women preach	
3	21	Nellie McClung's expense account, meeting of the board of Governor's	5-6 Apr 1940
3	22	Notes on Calgary speech; Let us look at ourselves	
3	23	Political talks	Mar 1940
3	24	CBC trouble; The challenge of Christmas; Another year is ending	
3	25	CKLC	14 Mar 1931
3	26	How it feels to be a defeated candidate	
3	27	Goodbye summer!; A day at the fair	

3	28	Will you help?; The shadow of ladyhood	
3	29	The way to peace; Good speech	
3	30	The ordination of women, to the ministry of the church; Satan has entered the garden	
3	31	[Untitled]	16 May 1910
3	32	The old prejudices	
3	33	Thanksgiving day	
3	34	The dividends of life	17 May 1936
3	35	Who speaks for Canada	Jun 1918
3	36	Theodore...[?]	
3	37	Picnics...[?]	
3	38	Chapter X to XI [?]	
3	39	The making of a teacup reader; Grounds for hope	
3	40	We make our own luck	25 Jan 1930
3	41	What is wrong with women's organizations?; Russia; The Kulaks; Bootlegging to the U.S.	
4	1	The age of romance; Seven cents; Nellie McClung says there are no idle words; Work among girls!	
4	2	Thirty years; Senate decision	
4	3	[Story?]	
4	4	Mrs. Coulter...	
4	5	Poems	1927
4	6	The dramateurs	
4	7	The step-mother; The black curse	Jan 1931
4	8	Conservatives belittle Liberal women	
4	9	Prying open the future	
4	10	The fortune teller	
4	11	A time to weep	
4	12	Clem's wife...	
4	13	The fortune teller; Lady Josephine's pearls	
4	14	The day of the funeral everything stopped	
4	15	Current events	May 1930
4	16	Background	
4	17	Clearing in the west	24 Apr 1933
4	18	"Women and people" lecture at Grace Church, Calgary. Summary of the women's movement 1870-1928 and McLung's involvement with women's suffrage and the "Person's" Case.	9 Sep 1928
4	19	The Muirheads farm	
4	20	The young doctor	17 Sep 1919

4	21	Conservation	
4	22	The gloriousfirst [of July]; The wind; The Macdonald's gathering	
4	23	This is the victory; September; Labor day; Message to the children of democracies	
4	24	More about medicinal plants; By strangers quickly told	
4	25	What have we to write about?	
4	26	Dunant, the forgotten man	
4	27	The dustman's daughter	
4	28	The art of conversation	
4	29	[Story]	
4	30	The seven ages	
4	31	On the reading of books	
5	1	A day in Vancouver; Confessions of an onion grower	
5	2	Next Monday is Labor day!; Find the scapegoat, the Japanese Canadians	
5	3	The romance of religion; Then and now; New frontiers; The gift of the desert; They come to us; What does the church think of home missions; No holiday	
5	4	Winter gardening; Gardening by catalogue	
5	5	Girls conference	25 Apr 1937
5	6	The verdict of history II; Rain in the night	
5	7	Will religion survive? Fashion in flowers	
5	8	Young master; Does reading really matter?; Jews in Canada...	
5	9	Coming home; The Coronation	
5	10	Holiday on the highway	
5	11	Perfection: the informal garden	
5	12	The Empire builders; Higher education	
5	13	This is a war of ideas!; Hail to the hardy ants	
5	14	[Story?]	
5	15	The value of a handicraft festival	
5	16	The romance, in everyday life; Nothing to do but work [poem]	
5	17	Something pleasant may happen today!	
5	18	The development of personality	
5	19	Over the rainbow (speech to Vancouver Board of Trade); The writer's creed and other essays	
5	20	A time for everything; One thing is certain	
5	21	"Come ye thankful people come!"	
5	22	Six weeks vacation; Truth is stranger than fiction	
5	23	Chapter I...	

5	24	What is real life	29 May 1937
5	25	The Christmas gift; The Christmas letter	
5	26	Chapter IX: the first winter	
5	27	We live in an age of conveniences	11 May 1916
5	28	Family reminiscences; Well people should pay	
5	29	The call of the wild; The dividends of life; Concerning star fish	
5	30	Minerva Jones reporting	
5	31	Words; Have an apple; Must we have fears; Canada	
5	32	Current events	
5	33	Goodwill; Current events	18 May 1901
5	34	What is wrong with women's organizations [or] standards	
5	35	Debate: women representatives; Sowing seeds in Danny	
5	36	Sowing seeds in Danny; The second chance chapters 10, 12, 13, 14	
5	37	Sowing seeds in Danny	
5	38	Second chance: synopsis of chapters 1-4, chapters 21, 23, 29, 31-34	
5	39	The calling of the spring; The callow lily	
5	40	Thrums	
5	41	Purple springs; Sowing seeds in Danny	
6	1	In praise of green peas; When the Dr. retired; End of the summer; Let us go to the flower show; Going to town (Vancouver Pan-Pacific conference)	
6	2	The humour of everyday life; Letter to the editor	19 Oct 1923
6	3	Women will talk	
6	4	Expense book; Defensive common sense; Beach talk; The homemakers; On leaving home; In praise of green peas; The day of mourning; An onion scrapbook	May 1935
6	5	Easter adventure; Easter morning	
6	6	This is it	
6	7	Mother has her innings	
6	8	Women	
6	9	A Christmas story; The scent of water	
6	10	The last picnic; Going to town	
6	11	The voice of Canada; What can we do	
6	12	Dickensians; A day at the fair	

6	13	The depression in Saskatchewan; Travelling	
6	14	Teacher says; Hidden treasure; The Canadian scene	
6	15	Current events; Magic	20 Jan 1936
6	16	Miscellaneous essays	
6	17	Uneasy women	
6	18	A child remembers	
6	19	Music in the air	
6	20	Books for Xmas presents; Re: pacifists are traitors; Second blooming	
6	21	Canadian club; Rain in the night	31 Mar 1937
6	22	Danea...	
6	23	The child's first years – their significance	
6	24	What have we learned in 1937?; What is news; We are at war; The last day of the war	
6	25	The new deal – observations of a visitor, North Hill United church	28 May 1934
6	26	South of the Rio Grands; Pretty as paint; Mexican pictures	
6	27	As the year ends; Don't break the chain!	
6	28	Dominion day; A message to the women's institutes!; The things that remain; Setting the captive free; Ukrainians in Canada	
6	29	Autobiographical sketch; The broken body	
6	30	The long fall drizzle and other stories	
6	31	The place of religion in the modern world and why; James Burwash, general merchant	
6	32	Women talking	
6	33	Current events; One day off; Frances Williard	18 Sep 1939
7	1	Sowing seeds in Danny; Purple springs	
7	2	Margaret Kenny	
7	3	School book	
7	4	Eva St. John	
7	5	Helmi...	
7	6	Helmi...	
7	7	Amia was born on Christmas eve	
7	8	The house of hope	
7	9	Second spring; The first woman; Onions and twitch grass	2 Mar 1935
7	10	Easter message	21 Apr 1935
7	11	A fine day in Vancouver; One good sheep; One of the least; This changing world	

7	12	The day I went to Chilliwack; The wealth in words	
7	13	Commencement; Victoria city; Odds & ends	Aug 1934
7	14	Cats I have known	
7	15	Mother's day reform; Light and leading; Prohibition	
7	16	The spirit of the garden	
7	17	Conversations; farming	
7	18	Miscellaneous writings	10 Oct 1935
7	19	The premier's announcement on woman suffrage	
7	20	The fellowship of booklovers; The little church under the hill	
7	21	Prince of the house of clay	
7	22	The unafraid woman!; Sowing seeds in Danny; Purple springs [early chapters and chapter 18]	
7	23	Sowing seeds in Danny; Purple springs, chapter 12	
7	24	Sowing seeds in Danny; Purple springs, chapters 3, 4	
7	25	Sowing seeds in Danny; Purple springs, chapter 20	
7	26	Sowing seeds in Danny; Purple springs	
7	27	Sowing seeds in Danny;	
7	28	Is this then all?; After twenty years	
7	29	Sowing seeds in Danny	
7	30	Women and politics	
7	31	Book six of a continuing story	
7	32	Royal templar social	
7	33	Up to Scotland	
7	34	Poetry for the common day	
7	35	Speak for Canada; New Year thoughts; Good gossip; Will the church survive	
7	36	How it feels to be a defeated candidate	
7	37	Miscellaneous writings	
7	38	Sowing seeds in Danny; The second chance, chapter 14, 15	
7	39	Sowing seeds in Danny; Purple springs, chapter 14	
7	40	Chinese dummies	
7	41	Sowing seeds in Danny; Purple springs, chapter 11	
8	1	Rain; The one-way road	
8	2	A cure for blues	
8	3	Working for our desires	
8	4	The country school; A plea for parents; The snobbery of childhood	

8	5	Manners	
8	6	Current events	
8	7	Scribbles	
8	8	How should we celebrate July 1?	
8	9	Short story	
8	10	Little Minnie Morrison	
8	11	Miscellaneous writings	
8	12	Prohibition	
8	13	Travelling with friends; The alibi	
8	14	Notes	
8	15	Poison	
8	16	For the life is more than meat	
8	17	Flowers for the living	
8	18	Chapter 10: The Marchesal	
8	19	Why women do not vote; Will Christmas survive	
8	20	Life has a way of going on...[part 2 of a novel?]	
8	21	Canadian manners; The one way road; The journeying God	
8	22	Bells at evening	
8	23	Seven cents; Keeping friends with the family	
8	24	Short story	
8	25	Mrs. Clearmont...	
8	26	Personality	
8	27	Current events	
8	28	Every cloud has a silver lining	
8	29	Current events	1930, 1931
8	30	Current events	20 Feb 1929, 1928
8	31	Current events	1929-1930
8	32	Current events	1930
8	33	Current events	
8	34	Are you a good listener	17 Oct 1942
9	1	Poor fish!; The angel of the frost; Neighbours; What do we need; The long road to freedom; The little church	
9	2	Current events; Presenting Mrs. Ferne; Radio talk; The last night; New Years resolutions	
9	3	Home missions	
9	4	McDougall church	15-16 Aug
9	5	Elizar Ann – a study in paints	
9	6	Winds of the world	
9	7	Millford bend of hope; Incidents; Sowing seeds in Danny	

9	8	Sowing seeds in Danny; The second chance, chapters 8, 9, 21
9	9	Sowing seeds in Danny; The second chance, chapters 31-33
9	10	From a train window; Rainy Sunday; Think on the things
9	11	Sowing seeds in Danny; The second chance, chapter 17
9	12	Can a woman have a career and raise a family
9	13	Out our way; The beaver speaks; With a Scotch flavour
9	14	Women in literature; Our present discontents; The national ideas
9	15	Thanksgiving
9	16	Planting time; The treat of thrips
9	17	The party at the Slaters; Sowing seeds in Danny
9	18	The house of the good neighbour
9	19	Rain before seven
9	20	The house of bread
9	21	The house of bread
9	22	The house of bread
9	23	The house of bread
9	24	Shall women think?
9	25	Sowing seeds in Danny; Draft of a letter to Premier re temperance
9	26	Sowing seeds in Danny; The second chance, chapter 35
9	27	Blue lily of the Nile
9	28	Come Fall, let us be reconciled; A plea for old books; The common touch
9	29	Great things are happening; The mood of the country
9	30	Canadian Fiesta!; Let us pass on!
9	31	The small town
9	32	Essay
9	33	Going south; Closing the house
9	34	Current events
9	35	Let us keep the first; Danger, men at work; The world of tomorrow; Speak up, Canada
9	36	Minerva Jones reporting
9	37	A day on the train; Good old Ontario; Sudbury
9	38	Chapter 12: Back to camp; Chapter 8: Off to Switzerland

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20	2	Miscellaneous	
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20	6	Galley proofs of "The stream runs fast"	
21		Manuscript and galley proofs of "The stream runs fast"	1943-1944
22	1	Miscellaneous articles	
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22	5	Book reviews	
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23	1	Typescript: The black creek stopping house	
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24	1	Typescript articles	
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A01966	55	Scrapbook containing cards and messages re Golden Anniversary	1946
A01966	56	Scrapbook containing cards and messages re Golden Anniversary	1946
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Additional volumes

- 58 Daily journal
- 59 Typescript : Painted Fires
- 60 Typescript : Clearing the West
- 61 Typescript : The Black Creek Stopping House
- 62 Typescript : In the Land of the Gopher
- 62A A Modern Approach to the Problem of Alcohol / [ca. 1943]
Harry S. Warner
- O/S 63 Address from the citizens of Manitou to Mr. and
Mrs. McClung