

Canon C.J. Machin fonds

1875-1906

14 cm. of textual records

Biographical Sketch

C.J. Machin, Canon, Anglican Church was ordained deacon in Wisconsin in 1866 and priest by the Bishop of Toronto in 1873. He was minister at St. John's Anglican church in Port Arthur from 1885 to 1893 and served as a missionary in an area including Port Arthur, Fort William, Oliver, Silver mines, Savanne, Ignace and in the early years Schreiber, Wawa and White River and perhaps as far east as Chapleau. Machin came from Toronto and later spent time in London England with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and in eastern Canada. He was married and had eight children, one of whom, Harold, married into the Knight gold mining fortune.

Scope and Contents

Canon C.J. Machin's papers are composed of sermons given at Port Arthur in the 1880s, correspondence relating to family matters and miscellaneous papers and books concerning his activities as an Anglican minister.

Series A 22/1/1 - Sermons - 2cm. - 1887-1889 (includes some photocopies)

Five complete handwritten sermons written by Machin and delivered in Port Arthur and later in Eastern Ontario. On each manuscript is a list of when and where the sermon was given and repeated over an approximately twenty-year period. One sermon is a plea for money from the congregation and might possibly date to an earlier period when he served in Rochester. Also three notes to accompany sermons, possibly used as introductions. Also includes six photocopies of similar sermons written by Machin and several pages of incomplete sermons.

Series A 22/2/1 - Correspondence - 1cm. - [1880]-1904

Correspondence of C.J. Machin regarding his family and practice including a letter to his daughter-in-law explaining the strained relations between Machin and his son, and correspondence from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

Handwritten. Also includes two letters (photocopied). One, which is also transcribed, concerns Machin's ideas on Imperial Federation and is addressed to Canon Prothero in England (1892)

Series A 22/3/1 - Miscellaneous papers - 1cm. - 1875-1899

Includes authorization to exercise his office of Priest in the Archbishopric of Canterbury, signed by the Archbishop, 1899; Machin's receipt book from a butcher shop probably in Rochester, 1875-1878; Christmas card; two church bulletins, 1887 and 1889 from St. John's church in Port Arthur, both with handwritten notes on the reverse; one church poster of special offertories and collections in the Diocese of Algoma (n.d.); one inventory of St. John's Church, Easter 1912 (photocopied); one speech on Imperial Federation, [ca.1890] (photocopied).

Series A 22/4/1-2 - Sheet music and literature - 10cm. - 1886-1906

1) Books and pamphlets: *British-Israel Truth* by D. Hanan and H. Aldersmith, 1898; *The Early British Church* by L.G.A. Roberts, n.d.; *The Covenant People* by W.M.H. Milner, 1895; *A Monograph of Benjamin* by L. Mackenzie, 1906; *The Messenger*, 1886.

2) Music books and sheet music probably used by Machin in his services both secular and religious.

Additional Information

Related Material - See T.J. Tronrud, "The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society's Archives", *TBHMS Papers and Records*, vol. XIV (1986), 28-29; F. B. Scollie, "C.J. Machin, British Imperialism and Imperial Federation", *TBHMS Papers and Records*, vol. XV (1987), 14-22. See also TBHMS biographical files.

Custodial History - formerly catalogued into the museum's collection, 979.1.31-42. Originals of photocopied material are in possession of St. John's Anglican church, Thunder Bay.