

John A. Dyke fonds

1876-1934

3 cm of textual records

Biographical Sketch

John A. Dyke, son of Rev. Joshua A. Dyke (mayor of Fort William in 1902 and 1903, Methodist minister and businessman), was a prominent Fort William lawyer in the firm of Dyke and Beeman and later on his own. He started practice in ca.1906 and retired in ca.1949. Died ca.1955. Married Gertrude (history writer).

Scope and Content

The John A. Dyke papers form three series including material of his own (speeches and addresses) and that he has collected from other sources.

Series A 49/1/1 - Notebook - 1 cm. - 1876-1881

One handwritten notebook produced by Sophy Fox, possibly of Chatham, containing notes on history, poetry, art, theatre and luminaries of the day in the fields of politics and literature. Book appears to have been started in 1876 and the last date mentioned is 1881. This seems to be a collection of notes kept by the author on her readings.

Series A 49/2/1 - Speeches and addresses - 3cm. - 1922-1934

Speeches and addresses delivered by John A. Dyke to various organizations at the Lakehead. Most often his topic was on the legal system in Canada.

- 1) "Twelve Men Good and True", delivered to the Scottish Rite and the Knights of Columbus, ca.1926-1927
- 2) "Bills of Exchange", delivered to Fort William's banking community at a meeting at the Kam Club, 26 Apr. 1922
- 3) Untitled address to the McKellar Hospital graduates, 30 May 1924
- 4) Untitled speech possibly to the Port Arthur Law Association, ca.1934, on the subject of abolishing Grand Juries.
- 5) Untitled speech on the 50th anniversary of the C.P.R.
- 6) Untitled speech dealing with the government's involvement in the selling of grain and its effect on farmers, ca.1930
- 7) "The Coronation", given in 1937 dealing with the history of the British monarchy
- 8) Untitled speech and original notes on the *Times-Journal* Christmas Cheer fund, given 17 Nov. 1936 to the Rotary Club

Series A 49/3/1 - Miscellany - 12 items - 1884-1934

- 1) Manuscript entitled "Hockey, King of Sports" by John A. Dyke, published in the *Daily Times-Journal*, Christmas 1927 (4 pages)
- 2) Letters: Judge Kenny to J.A. Dyke, 29 Dec. 1933, on Grand Juries; J.A. Dyke to Newton Edmeston, sheriff, Port Arthur Court House, Jan. 1934 with copy of oath delivered to Grand Juries.
- 3) Newspaper: *Northern Messenger and Sabbath-School Companion*, vol. xix, #10, 15 May 1884
- 4) Newsletter: "The Executor and trustee", #29, Jan. 1927
- 5) Shareholders' letter from British Canadian Mines Ltd, July 14, 1927
- 6) "A Kaministiquia Centennary" by Fred Fregeau, the text of a speech given in 1922 concerning the early fur trade in Fort William.

7-10) A fictional report entitled "British Museum, Dept. of Historical Research, London, England, January, Two Thousand and Nineteen", detailing life in c.1900 in Fort William. Original handwritten copy plus three variations.