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Matthew Crooks Cameron fonds

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Matthew Crooks Cameron fonds. -- 1867-1869. -- 0.5 cm of textual records

Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History

Matthew Crooks Cameron was born in Dundas, Upper Canada, on October 2nd, 1822. His early education occurred at Home District Grammar School after his family moved to York (now Toronto). He attended Upper Canada College, and later was admitted as a student-at-law by the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1843. After articling with Joseph Clark Gamble and William Henry Boulton in Toronto, Cameron was called to the Bar in 1849. Cameron would eventually become a senior partner at the law firm of Cameron, McMichael, Fitzgerald and Hoskin. Cameron was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1863. From 1871 to 1878, he served as a bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Cameron served as a judge in the Ontario Court of the Queen's Bench from 1878 to 1881, a judge in the Ontario High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench division, from 1881 to 1884, and as a Chief Justice of Ontario in the High Court of Justice from 1884 to 1887.

In addition to his legal career, Cameron was involved in politics. First elected as a city alderman in Toronto in 1859, Cameron was elected to the Ontario legislature for the riding of Ontario North in 1861. Cameron served as provincial secretary and registrar in 1867 in John Sandfield Macdonald's coalition government. In 1872, Cameron became the first leader of the provincial Ontario Conservative party.

Cameron also served as a director with a number of companies, including the Dominion Telegraph Company, the Confederation Life Association, and Isolated Risk Fire Insurance Company of Canada. In 1887, he was made a Knight Baronet. Matthew Crooks Cameron died in Toronto on June 25th, 1887.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of records accumulated by Matthew Crooks Cameron. They relate primarily to his use of the railway in Ontario, particularly the Great Western Railway, as a means of transportation. The fonds also contains one item produced by his law firm, a cheque signed by Cameron, McMichael, Fitzgerald and Hoskin.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the fonds.

985124-001 Railway passes and schedules. -- 1867-1869. -- 0.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of records relating to rail service on the Grand Western Railway in Ontario, and used by Matthew Crooks Cameron, an Ontario lawyer, politician and judge, between 1867 and 1869. The records include yearly rail passes, newspaper schedules for autumn train circuits, and a cheque written to E. Fitzgerald, signed by Cameron's law firm, Cameron, McMichael, Fitzgerald and Hoskin.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.