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John Alexander Boyd fonds. -- 1859, 1881, 1917. -- 10 p.

Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History

John Alexander Boyd was born on April 23rd, 1837, in Toronto, Ontario. He graduated from Upper Canada College in 1856, and after attaining a BA in 1860 and an MA in 1861 from the University of Toronto, was admitted as a student-at-law by the Law Society of Upper Canada. He articulated with David Breakenridge Read at the law firm of Read, Leith and Read before his call to the Bar in 1863. Boyd practised with Read until 1870, when he joined the firm Blake, Kerr, and Bethune. From 1870 to 1872, he was a Master in Ordinary of the Ontario Court of Chancery. He became Chancellor of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, in 1881, and would serve in that position until the office was abolished in 1916. During his career, Boyd received honorary LL.Ds from the University of Toronto (1889) and McMaster University (1913), and later a DCL from Trinity University (1902). He received a knighthood in 1899. Boyd died on November 23rd, 1916.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of records pertaining to the legal career and life of Sir John Alexander Boyd, an Ontario lawyer, judge and chancellor. The record in this fonds, which are a Senate address and resolution, a letter and a published poem, document Boyd's activities as a student, his appointment as Chancellor of Ontario, and commemorations made by the University of Toronto after his death in 1916.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the fonds.

986033-001 University of Toronto Senate resolution regarding John Alexander Boyd. -- 9 Mar. 1917. -- 1 p. ; 55 x 42 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a commemorative address made during a meeting of the Senate of the University of Toronto on 9 March 1917. It pertains to the death of Sir John Alexander Boyd, an Ontario lawyer, judge and University of Toronto alumnus. Moved by Professor Cameron and seconded by Principal Hutton, the address notes the work, professional impact and character of Boyd in his capacity as a student and judge.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

2000070-001 Letter from John A. Macdonald to John Alexander Boyd. -- 7 May 1881. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter written by John A. Macdonald to John Alexander Boyd in response to Boyd's acceptance of the position of Chancellor of Ontario.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

2000070-002 University of Toronto English Poem Prize, "The Atlantic telegraph", read in the University Hall of Convocation, June 8th, 1859. -- 8 June 1859. -- 1 v. (8 p.)

Scope and Content

Item is a printed copy of John Alexander Boyd's University of Toronto English Prize-winning poem, "The Atlantic telegraph".

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.