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## Zebulon Lash fonds

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## Zebulon Lash fonds. -- 1882-1920. -- 6 cm of textual records

### **Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History**

Zebulon Aiton Lash was born in September 1846 in St. John's, Newfoundland, to William Lash and Margaret Fannon. The Lash family moved to the Dundas area of Upper Canada, where Zebulon studied law with William Nicholas Miller. He was called to the Bar in 1868 and initially set up a practice in the Toronto Exchange. In 1870, Lash joined the commercial law firm of Beatty and Chadwick, where he remained a partner until 1878. Beginning in 1872, Lash served as a lecturer and examiner in commercial and criminal law at the law school at Osgoode Hall. Though still formally a partner at the Beatty and Chadwick firm, in 1876, Lash moved to Ottawa to become Deputy Minister of Justice. He left the Department of Justice in 1882 to join Edward Blake's corporate law firm in Toronto, where he served as counsel to the Canadian Bankers' Association, the Canadian Northern Railway, and the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Lash's ties to business led to directorships at Bell Telephone, British America Assurance, Canada Life Assurance, National Trust, and Western Canada Flour Mills, as well as the role as vice-president for Canadian Northern Railway Company, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Mexico Tramways Company, and the Brazilian Traction, Light and Power Company. Lash was elected a bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1886 and he became a life bencher in 1911. An opponent of the 1911 reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada, Lash was the founding president of the Canadian National League, established to defeat the reciprocity deal. Lash also served as president of the York County Law Association, a member and vice-chairman of the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto, and was a trustee of the Toronto General Hospital. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1879. Zebulon Aiton Lash died in Toronto on January 24th 1920.

### **Scope and Content**

Fonds consists of a notebook containing notations on legal cases, and printed articles and speeches, maintained by Zebulon A. Lash, a prominent Ontario lawyer active in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

### **Restrictions**

No restrictions on access.

### **Title Notes**

Title based on contents of the fonds.

2011021-001 The banking system of Canada. -- 1 Feb. 1907. -- 18 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a printed lecture to the third year students of Osgoode Hall Law School.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

2011021-002 Reciprocity with the United States: Canadian nationality, British connection and fiscal independence: how the policy which has been pursued in Canada for more than thirty years is reversed by the reciprocity agreement with the United States; and how commercial and political union with the United States would follow. -- 1911. -- 24 p.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

2011021-003 The working of federal institutions in Canada. -- 20 Mar. 1917. -- 23 p.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

"A lecture delivered in the Convocation Hall of the University of Toronto by Mr. Z.A. Lash, K.C., LL.D., on March 20th, 1917"

2011021-004 Canadian independence. -- 22 Feb. 1918. -- 20 p.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

"Address to the Ontario Bar Association"

2011021-005 The United States Federal Reserve Act and the Canadian banking system with some contrasts. -- 1919. -- 23 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a printed article reprinted from the "Journal of the Canadian Bankers' Association" (April 1919).

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

2012015-001 Legal cases notebook. -- 1882-1920. -- 3.5 cm of textual records (1 v.)

*Scope and Content*

Item is a notebook maintained by Zebulon Lash, begun while at the firm of Blake, Kerr, Lash & Cassels in 1882. The notebook contains notations on legal cases and matters, and an alphabetical index. A loose memo is included in the volume.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.