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WA 13 : Murphy, Emily F. (Emily Ferguson) 1868-1933

Emily Murphy fonds. - 1917-1989, predominant 1917-1933. - 20 cm of textual records. - 7 photographs.

Emily Ferguson Murphy (1868-1933) was born in Cookstown, Ontario in 1868 and educated at Bishop Strachan School, Toronto. She married Rev. Arthur Murphy in 1887. In 1916 she was appointed by the Alberta Government as the first woman Magistrate in the British Empire. It was she who inaugurated and brought to a successful issue the movement that resulted in the Privy Council, in 1929, declaring that women were "persons" under the British North America Act, and therefore had a right to be appointed to the Senate of Canada. She was the first President of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada. Prime mover in the establishment of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Edmonton 1910, she was the first woman member of the hospital board in the City of Edmonton. In 1911 she organized the Women's Canadian Club in Edmonton and was elected as their first President. Under the pen name "Janey Canuck" she was well known as a writer. In 1913 she was elected National President of the Canadian Women's Press Club. In 1915 she was decorated by His Majesty the King as Lady of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Contents: fonds consists of material by and about Emily Murphy, particularly relating to the "persons" case, her work as a police magistrate, material relating to a biography of her by Byrne Hope Sanders, as well as biographical material assembled after her death. Includes correspondence, clippings, photographs, notebooks and petitions.

Donated by the executors of Emily Murphy's estate.

- File 1 **Biographical.** - 1979-1989.
Contents: articles and biographical pieces, mostly photocopies.
- File 2 **Correspondence: Gertrude E. Budd, F. Bateman, Isabel Cummings, Byrne Sanders.** - 1922-1946.
- File 3 **Correspondence: W. Stuart Edwards, Deputy Minister of Justice.** - 1929.
- File 4 **Correspondence: W.N. Ferguson, Supreme Court of Ontario.** - 1922.
Contents: 2 p. ts. (carbon) letter containing his analysis of E. Lafleur's "Opinion" [see file 16], with attached document .
- File 5 **Correspondence: Mrs. J.P. Hynes, Toronto Local Council of Women.** - 1932-1933.
- File 6 **Correspondence: Mary Jukes, Wartime Prices and Trade Board.** - 1946.
- File 7 **Correspondence: William Lyon Mackenzie King.** - 1923-1924.
- File 8 **Correspondence: Mrs. Reynolds.** - 1933.
- File 9 **Correspondence: R.W.W. Roberts, Clarke, Irwin & Co. Ltd. with Evelyn Murphy.** - 1958.
- File 10 **Correspondence: Newton W. Rowell.** - 1928-1930.
- File 11 **In the Privy Council, no. 121 of 1928: on appeal from the Supreme Council of Canada, in the matter of a reference as to the meaning of the word "persons" in Section 24 of the British North America Act.** - 1928.
- File 12 **Privy Council appeal no. 121 of 1928, in the matter of a reference as to the meaning of the word "persons" in Section 24 of the British North America Act . . . judgement of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, delivered the 18th October, 1929.** - 1929.
- File 13 **In the Privy Council, in the matter of a reference as to the meaning of the word "persons" in Section 24 of the British North America Act, 1867, petition for special leave to appeal.** - [1928].
- File 14 **Arguments summarized and taken from the Factum of the Honourable N.W. Rowell, K.C.** - [1928?].
- File 15 **Canadian women to make direct appeal to Privy Council.** - [1928].
3. p. carbon ts.
- File 16 **Opinion: appointment of women to the Senate of Canada / E. Lafleur, December, 1921.** - 1921.
7. p. ts. (carbon)

- File 17 **The Supreme Court of Alberta, Appellate Division . . . Rex vs Cyr, Justice of the Peace appointment of woman as police magistrate.** - [1917].
 9 p. ts. (carbon).
- File 18 **The Supreme Court Act, 60: important questions of law or fact.** - [192-].
 2. p. ts. (carbon), excerpts.
- File 19 **Notes taken from Bourinot's Constitutional history of Canada, 1901.** - [192-].
 1. p. ts. (carbon) notes, 3 p. ms. notes.
- File 20 **Police Magistrates notebook.** - 1917.
 One volume containing E. Murphys notes on definitions, legal procedures, some notes on cases.
- File 21 **Notebook.** - [1917?].
 One volume: alphabetized looseleaf notebook containing ms. references to cases for legal precedents.
- File 22 **Review by Mrs. A.H. Rogers of Emily Murphy, Crusader by Byrne Hope Sanders.** - 1945.
 7 p. ts. (carbon) of a radio address given over C.K.U.A. Dec. 3, 1945.
- File 23 **Review by "Peggy" of Emily Murphy, Crusader by Byrne Hope Sanders.** - 1945.
 2 p. ts. (carbon) of a radio address given over CFAC, Calgary, March 1946.
- File 24 **Published articles by E. Murphy.** - 1905, 1930-1932.
 Consists of two articles in a portion of a scrapbook and includes clippings.
- File 25 **Exerpts from reviews of Seeds of Pine by Janey Canuck.** - 1921.
 7 p. of ms. exerpts from reviews of Seeds of pine.
- File 26 **Emily Murphy Park.** - 1960.
 1 p. ts. containing information about the park, ephemera.
- File 27 **Clippings.** - 1929-1977.
- File 28 **Emily Murphy: portraits.** - 1914-1931.
 Seven photographs: six are portraits, the seventh shows her in court as a police magistrate.
- File 29 **Early days in Simcoe County / by Grace Henderson Hewitt.** - [1926].
 Book inscribed "To Janey Canuck" from the author with "gratitude for much that is contained therein".