



MG 529 – Dr. K.A.H. Buckley fonds - The South Saskatchewan River Project

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Historical Note: A Royal Commission was established on 24 August, 1951 to conduct an inquiry and to report on the South Saskatchewan River Project (Central Saskatchewan Development). The inquiry was to determine whether or not the economic and social return to the Canadian people would commensurate with the cost of the investment in the project. Dr. T.H. Hogg, G.A. Gaherty and Dr. John A. Widtsoe were appointed commissioners.

Scope and content: This collection contains the papers, pamphlets, reports, correspondence, and newspaper clippings which Dr. K.A.H. Buckley has collected from his involvement in the South Saskatchewan River Project. The material has been arranged according to the groupings and headings which Dr. Buckley has assigned them.

Arrangement: The fond is arranged into the following 7 series.

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Restrictions: There are no restrictions on access.

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- I. Press Clippings. - they have been arranged chronologically.
1. Press Clippings. – Aug., Sept., Oct. 1951.
Saskatoon Star Phoenix; Lethbridge Herald; The Alberta (Calgary); Farm and Ranch Review; Ottawa Journal; medicine Hat News; The Calgary Herald; Edmonton Journal; The Leader Post (Regina); The Winnipeg Tribune; The Winnipeg Free Press; The Gazette (Montreal); Royal Commission on the South Saskatchewan River Project Press Release.
 2. Press Clippings. - Nov. 1951-Jan. 1952.
Saskatoon Star Phoenix; Medicine Hat News; Western Producer; The Albertan; Calgary Herald; The Leader Post; The Edmonton Journal; Winnipeg Free Press; Globe and Mail; Daily Commercial; News & Building Record; Lethbridge Herald; Winnipeg Tribune; Prince Albert Daily Herald; Montreal Daily Star.
 3. Press Clippings. – Feb. - March 1952.
The Globe and Mail' Regina leader Post; Ottawa View; The Gazette; Lethbridge Herald; Saskatoon Star Phoenix; The Star Weekly; Medicine Hat News; Calgary Herald; The Albertan; Prince Albert Daily Herald; Ottawa Citizen; Edmonton Journal; Winnipeg Tribune; The Montreal Star; The Morning Citizen.
 4. Press Clippings. – April - May 1952.
Saskatoon Star Phoenix; Regina Leader-Post; Prince Albert Daily Herald; Medicine Hat News; Winnipeg Tribune; Lethbridge Herald; Winnipeg Free Press; Globe & Mail; Western Producer; The Albertan; The Calgary Herald; The Daily Commercial News and Building Record.
 5. Press Clippings - June-July 1952.
Regina Leader-Post; The Albertan; The Saskatoon Star-Phoenix; Medicine Hat News; Prince Albert Daily Herald; Lethbridge Herald; Globe and Mail; Calgary Herald; Edmonton Journal; Western Producer; Winnipeg Tribune.
 6. Press Clippings – Aug.-Sept. 1952.
Lethbridge Herald; Saskatoon Star-Phoenix; Regina Leader-Post; Medicine Hat News; Montreal Star; Ottawa Journal; Calgary Albertan; Calgary Herald; The Gazette; The Winnipeg Tribune; Western Producer; Edmonton Journal; Globe and Mail; Moose Jaw Times Herald

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7. Press Clippings. - Oct.-Nov 1952
The Lethbridge Herald; Regina Leader-Post; Saskatoon Star-Phoenix; Calgary Albertan; Medicine Hat News; The Farm and Ranch Review; New York Times

8. Press Clippings. – Dec. 1952.
The Edmonton Journal; The Lethbridge Herald; The Ottawa Journal; Medicine Hat News; The Western Producer; Calgary Albertan; The Globe and Mail
9. Press Clippings. – Jan. 1953.
The Globe and Mail; Time Magazine; The Medicine Hat News; Calgary Albertan; The Edmonton Journal; The Ottawa Journal; The Financial Post; The Ottawa Citizen; Regina Leader-Post
10. Cass-Beggs Controversy - Press Clippings.
Regina Leader-Post. - Oct. 17, 1951, Feb. 2, 26, 27, March 12, 15, 17, 1952.
Winnipeg Free Press - Oct. 23, 1951.
Calgary Albertan - Nov. 14, 1951, Feb. 6, 1952
The Lethbridge Herald - Nov. 17, 1951
The Winnipeg Tribune - Dec. 27, 1951
Medicine Hat News - Feb. 22, 1952
The Saskatoon Star Phoenix - Feb. 28, 1952
Prince Albert Daily Herald - March 5, 1952
11. Floods in Western Canada - Press Clippings- April, May and June, 1952
Regina Leader-Post; The Montreal Star; The Winnipeg Free Press; The Globe and Mail; Saskatoon Star-Phoenix; Edmonton Journal; Prince Albert Daily Herald; The Albertan; Lethbridge Herald; Calgary Herald; Winnipeg Tribune; The Ottawa Journal; Medicine Hat News; Western Producer

II. Reports

1. Geographical Branch- Marc Boyer Report. - 1951 – 1952.
Correspondence and copies of a report pertaining to a description of the physical features of the South Saskatchewan River, its origin, its drainage basin and its watershed.
2. Goldenberg Memo. - Feb. 1, 1952.
A copy of a confidential memo from H. Carl Goldenberg, K.C. pertaining to the jurisdictional control and operation of the South Saskatchewan River Project. Dated February 1, 1952.
3. Hays Memorandum; 1952.

Correspondence and copies of D.W. Hays's Memorandum for consideration by the Commission relative to an enlargement of the proposed reservoir at Outlook, Saskatchewan, and to the Red Deer Project, dated June 1952. Also a copy of D.W. Hays's South Saskatchewan River Project Memorandum Review of Submission of the Province of Saskatchewan. Dated October 1, 1952.

III. House of Commons and Senate Debates

1. House of Commons and Senate. - 1951

Clippings from the House of Commons and Senate debates on the South Saskatchewan river project and the progress of the Royal Commission, for the period November to December, 1951.

2. House of Commons - 1952 Session

Clippings from the House of Commons debates pertaining to what progress was being made by the royal commission inquiring into the development of the South Saskatchewan River project, when will the report be expected. The cost of the commission, and the reasons for the delay in getting the project under way. March 4-Dec. 16, 1952.

3. House of Commons - 1953 Session

Clippings from the House of Commons Debates pertaining to concerns of the member of Assiniboia who believes that the government will fail to undertake the immediate construction of the South Saskatchewan river project. Jan. 19-20, 1953.

4. House of Commons- 1951 - 1952

A bound copy of the Official reports of the House of Commons Debates for the period November 12, 1951 to June 28, 1952. The reports contain information about the South Saskatchewan river project.

Box 3

IV. Budget Speeches

1. Budget Speech (Session 1950) delivered by the Honourable C.M. Fines (Provincial Treasurer) in the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan March 8, 1950. Regina: King's Printer, 1950.

2. Budget Speech (Session 1951) delivered by the Honourable C.M. Fines, (Provincial Treasurer) in the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, February 21, 1951. Regina: King's Printer, 1951.

V. Inquiries and Studies.

1. S.P. 1 Historical Survey of South Saskatchewan Basin - Economic Development, n.d., 8 pp.
2. S.P. 2 Economic Benefits of Irrigation - General Study.
 - (i) Huffman, Roy E. Economics of Irrigation Development, Presented before the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society at the Thirty-first Annual Meeting of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg , June 27, 1951.
 - (ii) Packard, Walter E. "Agriculture and the Depression", Agricultural Engineering Vol. 13, 1932.
3. S.P. 3 Irrigation Experience- Alberta
 - (1) Silver Sunshine Vol. XVII, Spring, 1951. 2 copies.
 - (2) Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce. More Green Acres, n.d.
 - (3) Within Our Borders Vol. 3, No .8, Jan. 1, 1951.
 - (4) P.C. 17/2622 Certified to be a true copy of Minute of a Meeting of the Treasury Board approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council , on the 25 May 1950, 4 copies.
 - (5) Sander, P.M. "Irrigation in Alberta". Department of Water Resources. Lithbridge, Alberta, Jan., 1951. 2 copies.
 - (6) Hays, D.W. "Economic Development for Irrigable Lands", The Engineering Journal, May, 1941.
 - (7) Hays, D.W. "Irrigation Development, Its Possibilities and Limitations", The Engineering Journal January 1939, 3 copies.
 - (8) Palmer, A.E. Irrigation in Western Canada. Its Possible Effect on Industry and Population. A paper presented at the Annual General and Professional Meeting , The Engineering Institute of Canada, Banff, Alberta, June 2, 1948.
 - (9) Saunder, P.M. "What Irrigation Means to Southern Alberta" - n.d.
 - (10) Saunder, P.M. "Industrial Development in Irrigated Areas" - n.d.
4. S.P. 3- B Irrigation Experience- U.S.A.
 - (1) Christopherson, Edmund "The Big Water Gyp in Montana", Saturday Evening Post, Sept. 1, 1951.
 - (2) The Farm Quarterly, Winter 1957.
 - (3) Editorial-Engineering News Record. Nov. 8, 1951. Water Policy Maneuvers.
 - (4) "Montana's Marias River Battle", Cut Bank Pioneer Press, n.d.
 - (5) United States. Department of the Interior. Bureau of Reclamation Correspondence pertaining to the government's view of Edmund Christopherson's article, "The Big Water Gyp in Montana", Saturday Evening Post. Aug. 25 1951.

5. Manitoba

- (1) Stephens. D.M. "The Saskatchewan River and Manitoba's Water Problem", Engineering Journal. June 3, 1948. 4 copies.
- (2) Speech by Mr. George Weaver, Lib. Churchill, in the House of Commons, April 24, 1952.
- (3) House of Commons Debates. March 7, 1952. Excerpt from speech by Percy Wright (CCF Melfort)
- (4) Clipping from the Saskatoon Star Phoenix March 8, 1952 pertaining to Percy Wright's speech.
- (5) Canada. Department of Agriculture. Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Branch. Saskatchewan. River Reclamation Project Pasquia Area near The Pas, Manitoba Progress Report. Winnipeg, Nov. 1, 1951. 8 copies.

6. Memorandum on S. Sask. River Development Meeting.

A copy of Memorandum of Notes of Meeting held in Canadian Embassy. Library, Washington, D.C. April 7, 1952, by members of Royal Commission on South Saskatchewan River Development and their Advisers.

7. Widtsoe, Dr. J.A.'s Report

- (1) General View of the South Saskatchewan River Project, Oct. 30, 1951, typescript, pp. 1-12.
- (2) The Improvement Era, January 1952, feature on John A. Widtsoe.

8. S.P. 7 (a) Engineering Features.

Correspondence and a Memorandum relating to data and factors pertaining to a review of plans for the South Saskatchewan River Project, suggested by D.W. Hays, Nov. 30, 1951.

9. S.P. 9 Social Value

Correspondence pertaining to the social value, amenities and recreational fishing on Lake Newell I and Lake McGregor for the period 1946 to 1951.

10. S.P. 12 Population

- (1) William Darcovich, An Appraisal of Market Possibilities for Specialty Crops in the Proposed Irrigation Area of Saskatchewan. Memorandum prepared for Economics Committee appointed by the Director of the P.F.R.A. to investigate the Economic feasibility of the Proposed Irrigation Project of the Central Saskatchewan River Development. Nov., 1949.
- (2) Memorandum on the Projection of Population Statistics prepared in the Public Health Section, Health and Welfare Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa. n.d.
- (3) "Alberta Constituencies", Edmonton Journal March 7, 1952.
- (4) Correspondence and a report dealing with the future population of Canada entitled "Projection of Population Statistics".

(5) Clipping from the Regina Leader Post Nov. 23, 1951 pertaining to population figures in western Canada.

11. S.P. 14 Legal Rights and Jurisdiction

Correspondence, draft, and final memorandums on the legal aspects of the problem of the South Saskatchewan River Projects. Nov. 22, 1951 - Sept. 20, 1952.

12. S.P. 15- Pearce Scheme

Appendix No. 1, William Pearce Stockwater Project Excerpt from-Memorandum regarding 42 water Development projects within the PFRA Boundaries in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, for the consideration of the Committee for Post-War Construction by B. Russell, Sr. Consulting Engineer PFRA, October 31, 1942. 5 copies.

13. S.P. 16- Water Resources.

(1) D.W. Hays, South Saskatchewan River Project Memorandum for Consideration by the Commission respecting Irrigation Requirements and Water Supply. Dec. 1951.

(2) "Resources of Alberta Water Power", Alberta Newsletter Vol. 1, No. 7, May, 1952.

(3) Correspondence pertaining to the actual water supply for the South Saskatchewan River Project. March 17, 1952.

VI. Maps and Charts

1. Proposed South Saskatchewan River Dam General Layout, n.d. and Sections.

2. Map showing the Most Desirable Areas in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. April 20, 1939.

3. South Saskatchewan River Project Chart No. 2 showing available water supply and Reservoir Service for the years 1933 to 1941.

4. The Elbow, West of Third Meridian, Saskatchewan, Sectional Map No. 168. Office of the Surveyor General, Ottawa, February 1923.

5. Canada. Department of Mines and Technical Surveys. Surveys and Mapping Branch. Saskatchewan and Manitoba Jan. 1951. Index to Map Sheets of the National Topographic Series.

6. Canada. Department of Mines and Resources Surveys and Engineering Branch, Hydrographic and Map Service. Index to the Sheets of the Sectional Map. n.d.

7. Canada. Department of Agriculture PFRA, Water Development Branch. South Saskatchewan River Project. Map Showing proposed South Saskatchewan river project and extent of irrigation Legend. n.d.

VII. Pamphlets

Miscellaneous collection of pamphlets which have been arranged chronologically.

1. 1954-1959
 1. Canada. Department of Agriculture The Proposed South Saskatchewan River Development Project. Ottawa: Queen's Printer, 1954.
 2. Canada. Department of Agriculture. The Saskatchewan River Reclamation Project. Regina; Queen's Printer, April 1954.
 3. Saskatchewan Rivers Development Association. South Saskatchewan River Project. Moose Jaw, 1958.
 4. Canada. Department of Agriculture. Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration. The South Saskatchewan River Dam. Ottawa: Queen's Printer, 1958.
 5. Canada. Department of Agriculture. Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration. The South Saskatchewan River Dam. Ottawa: Queen's Printer, 1959.
2. 1961
 1. South Saskatchewan River Dam. Report No. 1 Progress of Construction. Ottawa: Queen's Printer, 1961.
 2. N. Peters, General Engineering Features and Test Installations of the South Saskatchewan River Dam for presentation at the 41st Annual Convention of the Agricultural Institute of Canada at Regina, Sask. June 26 to 29, 1961.
3. 1963
 1. South Saskatchewan River Dam Supplement No. 1 Progress of Construction. Ottawa: Queen's Printer, 1963.
 2. Carrot River Observer Vol. 14, No .45, June 1 2, 1963.
4. 1965

South Saskatchewan River Dam. Progress of Construction. Ottawa: Queen's Printer, 1965.
5. 1967
 1. South Saskatchewan River Development Project. Progress of Construction. Ottawa: Queen's Printer, 1967.
 2. South Saskatchewan River Project In Review 1958-1967. Ottawa: Queen's Printer, 1967.
 3. "Water for a thirsty Land...the Story of the South Saskatchewan River Project," The Western Producer July 27, 1967.
 4. "Big Dam on the Prairies", Weekend Magazine No .28, 1967.

South Saskatchewan River Dam Project - Newspaper Index

This is not the most comprehensive newspaper index. All items listed pertain to the South Saskatchewan River Project. For a more complete index to this dam, consult the Saskatchewan Legislative Library Newspaper Index call number Ref. AI 3 .S35N5 which is available in microfilm.

Carrot River Observer June 12, 1963 pp. 1-8 see: newspaper held in the Saskatchewan Archives.

Leader Post, Regina. March 22, 1960. Second Section pp. 1-47.

Saskatchewan News Vol. 8 October 14, 1952 pp. 2 (Shortt AN5 .S252)

Saskatoon Star Phoenix (all the following copies will be on microfilm and will be kept in the Microforms and Maps on the 2nd floor)

July 11, 1955 pp. 3

June 14, 1958 pp. 14

May 28, 1959 pp. 1

May 30, 1959 pp. 10, 11

April 18, 1959, pp. 3, 14

February 15, 1960 pp. 10

February 22, 1960 pp. ?

June 4, 1960 Section 1 pp. 19

June 29, 1960 pp. 12

October 29, 1960 pp. 3

October 28, 1961 pp. ?

October 8, 1962 pp. 14

October 29, 1962 pp. 24, 25

December 6, 1963 Editorial Page

February 15, 1964 pp. 3

February 18, 1964 pp. ?

October 24, 1964 pp. 3

February 6, 1965 pp. ?

July 15, 1965 pp. 6, 7

July 22, 1965 pp. ?

October 20, 1965, PP. 20

November 17, 1965 pp. ?

November 19, 1965 pp. ?

November 25, 1965 PP. ?

November 27, 1965 pp.?

April 27, 1967 pp. 19

July 18, 1967 supplement pp. 1-10

July 22, 1967 pp. 8, 9

October 25, 1967 pp. 41

October 29, 1969 pp. 3

Western Producer (all the following copies are held in the Microforms and Maps division of this library)

November 17, 1966 pp .C4, C5

July 27, 1967 pp. 21 -36