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After he had completed his medical education, Patrick spent several months practicing in Saint Ignace, Michigan, waiting to write his physicians' examinations in Ontario. After becoming licensed in 1889, Patrick moved to Saltcoats, Saskatchewan, where he set up his medical practice. His fiancée Marion joined him in 1890, and they were married March 8. The couple had four children:

Mabel Patrick (5 Jan. 1891 - 1974)

Gertrude Patrick Sommervill (18 Aug. 1893 - 1964)

Edith Patrick Fraser (22 Aug. 1894)

George Griffith Patrick (18 Aug. 1899 - 1976)

In 1894, the Patrick family moved to Yorkton, Saskatchewan. In 1897, Dr. Patrick was acclaimed in a by-election as an independent member of the Legislative Assembly of the North West Territories; he was acclaimed again in the 1898 election, and he won the seat in the election of 1902. Dr. Patrick is credited with being the first person to suggest that two new provinces be created (Saskatchewan and Alberta), rather than the one that was being advocated by Premier Frederick Haultain. The boundaries he suggested were implemented by Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier in 1905.

Dr. Patrick continued to practice medicine until the late 1930s, when his own health began to deteriorate. Dr. Patrick died on September 6, 1943; he is buried, with his wife, in the Yorkton Cemetery. The City of Yorkton named a park in his honour, and erected a cairn there in July 1982.

Scope and Content

The fonds contains lecture and practice notebooks from the 1887-1888 school year, during which Dr. Patrick was a medical student at the University of Western Ontario's medical school.

Custodial History

These notebooks, originally belonging to Dr. T.A. Patrick, resided for many years in the University of Western Ontario's Faculty of Medicine library. When this library was closed, the notebooks became the property of Western Libraries; they were later given to the Western Archives.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Series Descriptions

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Scope and Content

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