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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1917-1960

Extent

30 cm of textual records

Biographical Sketch

John Howard Crocker was born in St. Stephen, N.B. on April 19, 1870. After attending Halifax's Dalhousie University as an undergraduate, Crocker earned a master's degree at the Y.M.C.A. Physical Education Training College in Springfield, Massachusetts. A noted athlete, Crocker won the National Pentathlon Championship in 1896 and 1897.

In 1894, Crocker was named the general secretary of the Amherst, Nova Scotia Y.M.C.A. After gaining experience at several Canadian Y.M.C.A. branches, holding positions of ever-increasing responsibility, Crocker was named Canada's national Y.M.C.A. physical director. In 1908, he was one of the inaugural officers in the Ontario branch of the Royal Life Saving Society. In 1911, Crocker accepted a YMCA position in Shanghai, China. In 1915, he was chosen to manage the Chinese team at the Far Eastern Athletic Games. After 36 years of employment with the Y.M.C.A., Crocker retired as National Director of Physical Education in 1930, at the age of 60.

Upon his retirement from the Y.M.C.A., Crocker immediately took on the position of physical education director at the University of Western Ontario; he continued serving Western in this capacity until his retirement in 1948. A well-known philatelist, Crocker remained at U.W.O. after his retirement in order to serve as an advisor and to organize the A.O. Jeffery Stamp Collection. In recognition of his years of service to Western and to promoting athletic excellence, the University awarded him an Honorary Doctorate of Laws in 1950.

Crocker was associated with the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada from 1896 until his death in 1959. In 1908, Crocker managed Canada's first official Olympic team in London, England; he was named "honorary manager" for every subsequent Canadian Olympic team until 1956. He was the named secretary of the Canadian Olympic Committee in 1922 – a position he would hold for 25 years. J. Howard Crocker died on Nov. 27, 1959 in Victoria, British Columbia.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists largely of records pertaining to amateur athletics, generally, and Canadian Olympic Committee, specifically. Included are financial records, application forms, correspondence, and information bulletins. The fonds also contains records pertaining to the London Philatelic Society of London, Ontario. Included are stamp catalogues, correspondence, and convention materials.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

- Series 1 Canadian Olympic Committee documents
- Series 2 J. Howard Crocker documents

Finding Aids

File lists are available.

Related Material

This fonds relates in part to the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada: Southwestern Ontario Branch fonds, held by the University of Western Ontario Archives. For more information, see finding aid AFC 58.

Source of Supplied Title

Title based on contents of the fonds.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

Custodial History

It is likely that this fonds was donated by J. Howard Crocker upon his retirement from Western. As he was the secretary of the Canadian Olympic Committee from 1922-1947, it is natural to assume that Crocker was the custodian of the Canadian Olympic Committee material that is included in this fonds.

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS**

Series 1 **Canadian Olympic Committee documents**

Dates 1929-1949, predominant 1936-1939

Extent 10 cm of textual records
3 photographs : b&w ; 7.5x10 cm

Administrative History

The Canadian Olympic Committee (C.O.C.) was founded in 1909, a separate division of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada; it was once known as the Central Olympic Committee. That same year, the International Olympic Committee recognized the C.O.C. as Canada's official Olympic body. The C.O.C. was officially declared independent from the A.A.U. of C. in 1949. The Canadian Olympic Committee helps promote Canadian locations as future Olympic venues, and provides financial and leadership support to Canadian Olympic athletes.

Scope and Content

This series consists of records pertaining to amateur athletics, generally, and to the Canadian Olympic Committee more specifically. It contains correspondence, notes, entry forms and information bulletins, as well as Canadian Olympic Committee financial records. Some of the correspondence relates to the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany. Letters to and from C.O.C. officials (Fred Marples - honorary treasurer, Patrick J. Mulqueen - president, and Nelson C. Hart - secretary) are included.

Note

Title based on contents of the series.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Olympic accounts 1929-1937	1929-1937	B5063-1
Financial accounts and receipts of Canadian Olympic Committee, 1934	1934	B5063-2
Correspondence of Fred Marples, Canadian Olympic Committee, 1936-37	1936-1937	B5063-3

Title	Dates	Box/File
Correspondence with Fred Marples, hon. treasurer, Canad. Olympic Comm., monetary requests 1937-9	1937-1939	B5063-4A
Correspondence of Fred Marples, hon. treasurer, Canadian Olympic Committee, 1939	1939	B5063-4B
Correspondence of P.J. Mulqueen, chairman, Can. Olympic Committee, 1936-7 Photographs included in this file (all three the same, presumably P.J. Mulqueen)	1936-1937	B5063-5A
Correspondence of P.J. Mulqueen, chairman-president, Can. Olympic Committee, 1939	1939	B5063-5B
Correspondence of Nelson C. Hart, secretary, Canadian Olympic Committee, 1938	1938	B5063-6
South West. Ont. Branch of Amateur Athletic Union of Canada Meeting Minutes and correspondence of Harry Rockey, secr. 1936-8	1936-1938	B5063-7
Canadian Olympic Association bulletins, info.	1947-1948	B5063-8
Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, correspondence and entry forms, 1935-7	1935-1937	B5063-9
Canadian Olympic Association meeting minutes and correspondence	1947-1949	B5063-10
Info related to Mr. J.H. Crocker, hon. treasurer, exec. committee, Can. Olympic Comm. 1900-1955	1931-1950	B5063-12

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Series 2 J. Howard Crocker personal documents

Dates

1917-1960, predominant 1941-1951

Extent

10 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains records relating to John Howard Crocker's life apart from the Canadian Olympic Committee. General information on physical education, Y.M.C.A. documents, newspaper clippings, and records relating to stamp collecting and the London Philatelic Society are included.

Note

Title based on provenance of the series.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Pamphlets regarding physical education, history 1917-1960	1917-1960	B5063-11
Crocker, correspondence with stamp companies, and receipts, exhibit info, 1935-1948	1935-1948	B5063-13
London Philatelic Society articles and convention material 1945-1949	1945-1949	B5063-14
YMCA retirement fund material, 1940-1944	1940-1944	B5063-15
Correspondence of J. Crocker concerning YMCA + bulletins + old leaders' lists, 1942-3	1942-1943	B5063-16
YMCA news bulletins and information sheets 1948-1951	1948-1951	B5063-17