



## Dalhousie University Archives

### **Finding Aid - Archibald MacMechan fonds (MS-2-82, 1-66)**

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# Archibald MacMechan fonds

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## Summary information

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| <b>Repository:</b>           | Dalhousie University Archives  |
| <b>Title:</b>                | Archibald MacMechan fonds  |
| <b>Reference code:</b>       | MS-2-82, 1-66  |
| <b>Date:</b>                 | 1890-1949 (date of creation)   |
| <b>Language:</b>             | English  |
| <b>Physical description:</b> | 8.25 m of textual records  |
| <b>Note [generalNote]:</b>   | Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Archibald MacMechan fonds, MS-2-82, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives and Special Collections, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. |

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Archibald McKellar MacMechan was born in 1862 in Berlin (now Kitchener), Ontario, son of The Reverend John and Mary Jean MacMechan. He began his university education at the University of Toronto in 1880 and graduated in 1884 with a Bachelor of Arts. He taught school in Brockville and Galt for the next two years, then entered Johns Hopkins University as a doctoral candidate in modern languages, receiving his PhD in 1889. That same year he married Edith May Cowan, with whom he had had three daughters, Jean, Grace and Edith.

MacMechan was appointed professor of English at Dalhousie University in 1889, where he remained until 1931, helping to establish the Dalhousie University Marine Museum and briefly serving as University Librarian. He also served as president of the Nova Scotia Historical Society (1907-1910) and was awarded a fellowship in the Royal Society of Canada (1926). MacMechan was a prolific writer of essays, articles and books throughout his lifetime. He died 7 August 1933.

### Custodial history

MacMechan's papers were donated between 1970-1974 by his daughter, Jean Willets; in 1983 by his daughter, Edith Dobson; and in 1990 by his granddaughter, Joan Cervin.

## Scope and content

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Fonds contains diaries, correspondence, manuscripts of published and unpublished writings, research notes, materials related to MacMechan's research and teaching and other university-related activities, artwork, memorabilia, scrapbooks, photographs and financial papers.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Arrangement

Arrangement imposed by the archivist.

### Restrictions on access

All records are open.

### Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room. Materials may be under copyright. Contact departmental staff for guidance on reproduction.

### Finding aids

A detailed inventory is available onsite.

### Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Dalhousie University
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Canadian literature (subject)

- Halifax Explosion, Halifax, N.S., 1917 (subject)
- Professors (subject)

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## Collection holdings

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### **File: MS-2-82, OS Box 4, Folder 20 - Feature on Dalhousie University in Progress newspaper**

Title: Feature on Dalhousie University in Progress newspaper

Reference code: MS-2-82, OS Box 4, Folder 20

Date: 1891 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Paper from St. John N.B., doing a feature article on Dalhousie University. Title: Dalhousie! It's History, Graduation, and Work.

Physical description: 1 section of newspaper, 8 p. : B&W. 55cm x 39cm. creased and tattered

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