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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Letters from Alfred Austin to Stephen Tobin
Reference code:	MS-2-74, SF Box 18, Folder 24
Date:	1854-1855 (date of creation)
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Stephen Tobin was a Canadian merchant and political figure. He was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1836, the son of Thomas S. Tobin and grandson of Michael Tobin. He was married to Catherine Lyons Grey in 1868, with whom he had two sons, Thomas Finlayson and Stephen Lyons. Tobin and his brothers, Michael and Henry, were educated at Stonyhurst College, a Roman Catholic boarding school near Lancashire, England.

Tobin ran unsuccessfully for a seat in the Nova Scotia Assembly in 1867 before serving as mayor of Halifax from 1867-1870 and from 1878-1881. He was the Danish consul at Halifax and a commissioner of public schools. From 1872-1874 Tobin was the Liberal MP for Halifax. He passed in Montreal in 1905 at the age of sixty-nine.

Custodial history

The materials were accessioned by Dalhousie University Archives in 1970. The letters were discovered in a trunk in the attic at 34 St Louis Square, Montreal, in 1910 by S. Talpis. In 1921 he gave them to S.W. Jacobs in Montreal, who subsequently sent them to G. Fred Pearson, a Halifax lawyer at Covert, Pearson & McNutt, with instructions to read and return them. No further custodial information is known.

Scope and content

File consists of four letters written to Tobin from Alfred Austin, who was Tobin's schoolmate at Stonyhurst College from 1849-1852 and who later served as Poet Laureate of England (1896-1913).

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Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Stonyhurst College.
- Austin, Alfred (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Correspondence (subject)
- Merchants (subject)
- Nova Scotia--History--19th century (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)
- Poets laureate (subject)
- Poets, English--19th century (subject)

- Poets, English--20th century (subject)
- Politicians (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)
- Lancashire (England) (place)

Collection holdings
