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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Pictou Literary and Scientific Society fonds
Reference code:	MS-2-62, SF Box 19, Folders 1-3
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Pictou Literary and Scientific Society was established by a group of Pictou residents on December 8, 1834 with the aim of improving the members' knowledge of science and literature through weekly lectures and discussions. The officers of the society, as stated in the 1836 "Rules of the Pictou Literary and Scientific Society," included a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary and treasurer, and a four-person management committee.

The society's lectures covered a range of topics reflecting the knowledge and interests of its membership, with the exceptions of religion and politics. Among the notable speakers welcomed by the society were Dr. Thomas McCulloch and a young William Dawson. The society drew to a close due to waning interest and held its last meeting on April 12, 1855.

Custodial history

Fonds was accessioned by Dalhousie University Archives in 1970. The materials were donated to the Dalhousie University Library by Dr. J.D. Logan and Dr. H.F. Munro, who acquired them from friends. Prior to being acquired by Dr. Logan, the manuscript "Memorial on Behalf of the Literary and Philosophical Institution of Pictou" was in the custody of the Scammell family. Volumes 1 and 2 were found in the MacMechan papers.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of materials related to the Pictou Literary and Scientific Society and includes four volumes of documents containing the society's rules, minutes, and journal.

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Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials. All materials are open for research.

Conditions governing use

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Further accruals are not expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Associations, institutions, etc. (subject)
- Books (subject)
- Diaries (subject)
- Literary societies (subject)
- Manuscripts (subject)
- Minutes and proceedings (subject)
- Nova Scotia--History--19th century (subject)
- Scientific societies (subject)
- Societies--Archives (subject)
- Pictou (N.S.) (place)

Bibliography

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Collection holdings
