

Fonds Description

Douglas & McIntyre Limited 1964 -

Douglas & McIntyre Collection (J.J. Douglas, Limited) 1964 – 84; (Douglas & McIntyre) 1971-

ca 100 m of textual and other materials

Administrative History

Douglas & McIntyre Limited is the largest English-language book publishing company in western Canada. Jim Douglas, who was working as a sales representative for McClelland & Stewart, Macmillan, and University of Toronto Press, incorporated the firm in 1964 as J.J. Douglas Limited, Canada's first B.C. based library wholesaler. Scott McIntyre joined the company as a partner in 1971 and they began publishing, focusing on western Canadian writers. In 1978, the company was renamed Douglas & McIntyre.

Douglas & McIntyre has published over 2,000 adult trade, children's trade, and educational titles. The company focuses on First Nations art and culture, literary fiction, popular memoir, Canadian issues and politics, food and wine, art and architecture. Greystone Books, an imprint of Douglas & McIntyre, publishes adult non-fiction in the areas of natural history and science, the environment, popular culture, health and sports.

The company's children's division, Groundwood Books, was sold to Anansi Press in 2005.

Scope and Content

The Douglas & McIntyre fonds consists primarily of textual records that reflect various aspects of the firm's activities. It includes materials related to current titles, editorial projects, catalogues, promotional material, financial information, professional associations, manuscripts, marketing book files, house administration, production files and graphics, and chronologies. It also contains the archives of the Canadian Pacific Publishing Society, and books published by Douglas & McIntyre, including the imprints Greystone Books, Groundwood Books, and Western Producer Prairie Books.

Source of supplied title:

Title has been assigned after interview with publisher's representative.

Physical description:

Includes textual records and other material.

Immediate source of acquisition:

Donated by Douglas & McIntyre: August 1998, August 1999, December 2000, September 2004.

Restrictions on access, reproduction and publication:

Access to files Douglas & McIntyre has designated “restricted” is limited to members of the public bearing a letter of permission signed by the president of Douglas & McIntyre Ltd., or Douglas & McIntyre staff whose names are on a list of those with access privileges. All other files are open for public inspection or display.

Arrangement:

The fonds is arranged by topic in each of the accruals received to date.

Finding aids:

A descriptive finding aid, provided by the donor, is available.

Accruals:

Further accruals are expected.